



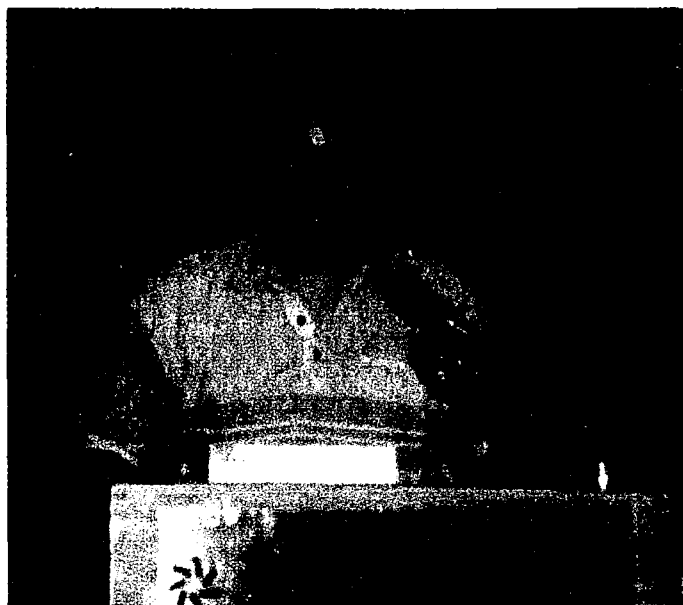
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Haskel named *Citizen of the Year*

Raymond big winner in Chamber of Commerce \$10,000 raffle



CHAMBER WINNERS - (Above) A surprised and humble Tom Haskel was named 1998's *Citizen of the Year* by the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce. Haskel said, "The best people in Michigan live in Crawford County." (Right) Janet Raymond (left) shows her surprise once her winning ticket was pulled for the \$10,000 Grand Prize in the annual Chamber raffle. Mo McNamara (right) proves there were no sore losers at the drawing, as she held the second place winning ticket, worth \$500. Third place prize of \$300 went to Jake and Laurie Figley, fourth place prize of \$200 went to Paul Lerg. There were also 20 prizes of \$100 each, as well as other prizes donated by community businesses. For more on this event, see Page 1B.



Audit reveals need for increase

City raises water rates

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

On Monday, January 11, the Grayling City Council voted 4-1 in favor of increasing city water rates from \$1.00 per thousand gallons to \$1.25.

The water rate discussion and subsequent vote came after the council received its 1998 audit report. Mike Greer of Hill, Schroderus and Co. gave a brief presentation of the audit report basics at the last council meeting of 1998. Greer said that the city's overall financial standing was in good shape, and that the only "reportable condition" was the city's water and sewer operations, which has been "spending more than it is bringing in."

Greer stated that the issue with the water and sewer system was just something that should be noted and inspected. "We don't see it as being a big problem," he said.

According to the audit report and City Manager Jerry Morford, the water and sewer system is considered an "enterprise fund," meaning that it is funded primarily through user fees, which are not currently covering operating costs.

Morford brought some figures to

the council's attention at the January 11 meeting regarding the water rates. He said that in order for the system to pay for itself with the user fees, rates would have to be raised to \$1.37 per thousand gallons, or to \$1.62 in order to account for depreciation.

Council member Robert Golnick moved to raise the water rates 15 cents, from \$1.00 to \$1.15, "then next year pick up some more."

"Will \$1.15 pay for itself?" asked council person Robert Ruddy.

"No, \$1.37 will pay for itself," said Morford.

"Well, some place along the line we have to catch it up," said Ruddy.

Golnick withdrew his motion due to lack of a second.

Mayor Ralph Stevens moved to raise the rates to \$1.25, and "pick up the rest later." Ruddy seconded the motion, which the council approved by a vote of 4-1, with Golnick voting "no."

The motion allowed for the raise in rates to be effective as of January 1, 1999, so it would be included in the next billing in April.

"No one ever wants to raise rates," commented Morford. "The rate is still way below the average for other communities."

Grayling Township recycling program awarded

The Responsible Environmental Action Partnership (REAP) recently announced the recipients of the 1998 O.B. Eustis Environmental Awards. The winners were as follows: Individual Category - Jim Zavislak of Hillman; Organization Category - Grayling Township; and Business Category - ABTCO.

The purpose of the award is to recognize environmental excellence in Northeast Michigan. Through a \$1,500 grant from the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan, each winner will be able to select an environmental project. That project will receive \$500 from the Community Foundation.

The winners will be recognized at the Huron Pines Conservation and Development Area Council, more commonly known as Huron Pines RC & D, annual meeting on February 6 at the Gaylord Holiday Inn beginning at 9:30 a.m. The award was named for O.B. Eustis, whose career in Northern Michigan was exemplary in balancing economic and environmental issues.

The nominees came from an eight-county Northeast Michigan region. Nominations were judged by a committee of seven people from around the region, including representatives from NEMCOG, Huron Pines, and the Eustis family.

Jim Zavislak was recognized for his volunteer efforts with several conservation organizations in Montmorency County and Alpena County. The organizations he has helped or provided leadership for are too numerous to mention. He is currently president of the Thunder Bay Watershed Council and of the Friends of the Northeast Michigan Ecosystem, as well as Chairman of the Montmorency - Oscoda Solid Waste Committee. He is also the Drain Commissioner for Montmorency County.

Grayling Township was recognized for its efforts for recycling and blight control. These efforts are

unique in Northeast Michigan in scope and intensity, and involve cooperation between citizens, businesses, and local government.

ABTCO of Alpena was recognized for a project to upgrade the emissions control with biofiltration equipment, resulting in significant emissions and odor improvement, as well as for their contributions to the local economy.

Citizens interested in attending the Huron Pines Annual Meeting may call REAP President Carl Kelly, of Alpena, at (517) 356-4694 or the Huron Pines office in Grayling at 348-9319.

School Board invites public to discuss GHS infrastructure

The Crawford, AuSable District Board of Education will hold an open meeting at the Beaver Creek Community Center on Wednesday, January 27, at 7 p.m. for the purpose of discussing high school infrastructure needs.

The public is invited to attend and join the discussion. The board will conduct several such meetings throughout the County during the next month.

Information gathered at the meetings will be used to help the board decide how to address the pressing

Grayling High School (GHS) facility needs.

Since June 1998, two high school improvement bond issues were put before the voters and both failed.

The school board realizes that needed repairs to the aging GHS roof and heating and ventilation system will have to come sometime in the near future.

The Beaver Creek Community Center is located at 8888 S Grayling Road, just north of the fire department in Beaver Creek Township.

Fire nearly destroys Maple Forest home

Fire Chief Wallace says it was arson

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A house fire on Sherman Road in Maple Forest Township was intentionally set, according to Frederic Fire Chief Dennis Wallace.

The fire that destroyed nearly 85 percent of the modular home was reported at 10:01 a.m. on Friday, January 15. Frederic Township Fire Department responded and were quickly assisted by fire departments from Grayling Township, Lovells Township and Otsego Lake Township.

Before the fire could be brought under control the roof collapsed and one fire fighter was injured by hot debris that fell on him.

The home was the full-time residence of Marsha Niederhouse and her two small children. Fortunately, they were not at home at the time of the fire, however three pet birds and two cats were rescued from the burning structure.

Upon investigation it was discovered that fires were set in at least two locations within the house.

Wallace said that some of the contents were salvageable, even though the home was a near total loss.

"This is a definite case of arson," said Wallace. "Any leads or tips should be reported to the Arson Control Hotline at 1-800-44-

ARSON."

An extensive investigation is ongoing by the State Police Fire Marshal Division out of Gaylord. Wallace said he would like to see this case solved.

"Fire fighters put themselves in danger when a fire is accidental," Wallace said, "but, it's much worse when it's a case of arson."

Snowmobile Safety Week is Jan. 17-23

In 1999, Snowmobile Safety Week is January 17-23.

Each year, the Michigan Snowmobile Association works tirelessly to educate riders, both young and old, about the responsible way to operate a snowmobile.

Snowmobile Safety Week is a time to review all of the general safety precautions and teach those new riders the proper way to enjoy this wonderful and exhilarating sport that adds so much to our

tourism industry and local communities.

The Michigan Snowmobile Association promotes a "zero tolerance" attitude when it comes to drinking and then driving a snowmobile. Every year, people are injured or killed in accidents involving alcohol.

Snowmobile Safety Week reminds all of us to ride responsibly. Help keep the trails safe for everyone and don't drink and drive.



Photo by Marilyn Ginther

WINTER DRIVING WOES - On January 13, the driver of this truck travelling on M-72, about two miles east of Grayling, found out the hard way that speed and ice don't mix. Bitter cold temperatures combined with heavy snow made for dangerous driving conditions throughout Crawford County and elsewhere in Michigan.

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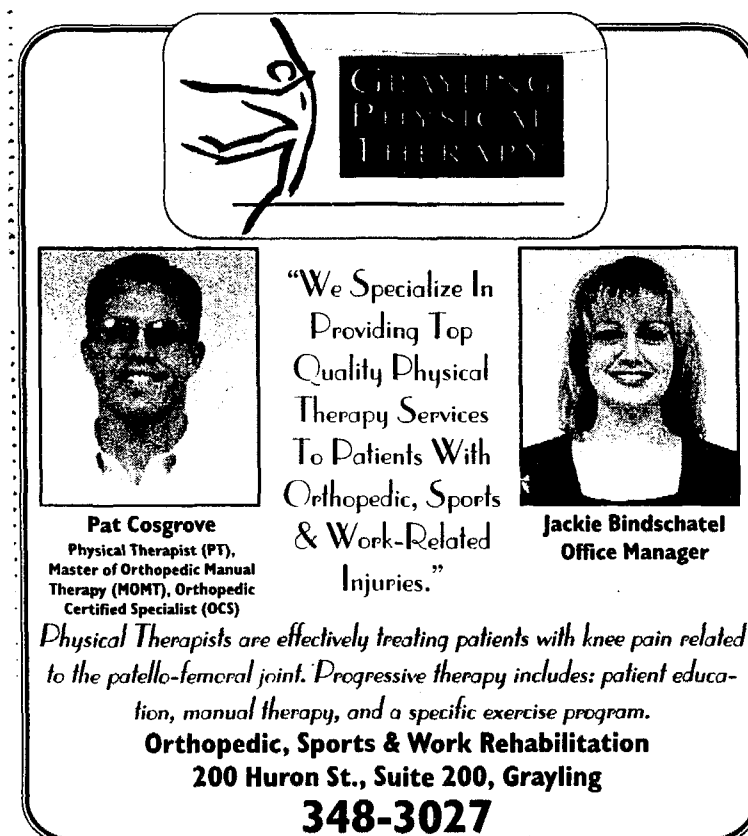


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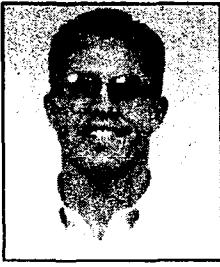
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Elmwood Cemetery sees first rate increases in 15 years

City Council approves cemetery changes

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council approved a plan on Monday, January 11, that would allow for more grave space at Elmwood Cemetery, as well as an increase in rates for use of the cemetery.

The expansion part of the proposal involves closing one of the roads in the cemetery and "plotting, top-soiling and seeding with the opening of the 1999 Spring burial season."

Cemetery Sexton Pete Stephan said that the closure "would give us about 135 more graves."

Council member Marilyn Palmer asked if the road closure would create a hardship for seniors or the disabled trying to reach the graves of loved ones.

Stephan replied by saying, "not any more than there is now."

A couple of the council members thought the rate increases were rather high.

"It seems a bit steep," said Palmer.

Council person Robert Golnick agreed. "I feel too, that it's an awful jump on a lot of this stuff," said Golnick.

"It should've been addressed as years have gone by," said Stephan of the rate changes. "We've had a history of letting this go."

Stephan said that Elmwood Cemetery rates haven't been changed in 15 years.

"I can't disagree with you since you've done such a damn good job since you've been there," said Golnick to Stephan.

"We don't have much choice here," said council member Robert Ruddy.

Palmer said she would prefer to

discuss the proposal in the spring after the snow melts so she could walk through the cemetery first and then make a decision.

Mayor Ralph Stevens moved to accept the plan for the Elmwood Cemetery changes. Council person D.J. Brown seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Brown moved to make the cost increases effective on July 1, 1999. That motion also passed unanimously.

A couple of the specific rate changes include raising the price of lot sales per grave site from \$225 to \$340, and increasing the cost of opening/closing on city work days from \$200 to \$350. Opening/closing rates on non-work days, Saturdays and holidays went up \$200, from \$250 to \$450.

Grayling Township, which splits the Elmwood Cemetery operation

costs with the city, approved the expansion and rate increase plan last year. According to City Manager Jerry Morford, the city technically owns and operates the cemetery, but the Township pays 50 percent of the costs.

The cemetery plan that the council approved, which was signed by Stephan and Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright, states that the expansion is only a "short term answer, and still does not adequately answer public desirable space."

"With the time provided by expanding present site availability, development of at least three acres within the North section should be started," states the proposal. "By undertaking the new development, at this time, it should be ready for usage before our current inventory of plots expires."

City approves tentative plan for 1999 sidewalk program

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council passed a motion on Monday, January 11, allowing the consulting firm Richards & Associates, Inc. to proceed with the city's 1999 sidewalk program.

The motion, which was passed by a 5-0 council vote, set a tentative schedule for the sidewalk project.

According to the timetable outlined by the consulting company, bids for the various parts of the sidewalk construction would be advertised in early February and opened in early March.

City Manager Jerry Morford said that the project would be bid in four or five different segments. Morford said that those segments that reach the construction stage will depend

on the price range of the bids.

If the project goes according to schedule, the city council would award bids at the end of March. Construction is expected to begin in May and finish in August.

Morford stressed that it is important to get the bids out early, since most of the state highway department bids are advertised in April. Morford said that the city should be able to get a better deal before the highway department bids go out, since the contractors generally don't have any major contracts signed yet.

One sidewalk segment that may be constructed in 1999, according to the plan, includes "a project that would be bounded by Elm Street, Michigan Ave. and North Down

River Road. Also included in the project would be the sidewalk on E. James Street in front of the City Hall, the north side of Ingham between Chestnut and Maple and a short section on Peninsular by the post office."

A few other segments are listed as "deductive alternates," including sections of North Down River Road and the I-75 Business Loop.

The city and Richards & Associates, Inc. have been working on the 1999 sidewalk program for quite a while, and the council was eager to get the project rolling.

"They try to do one big job per year," said Morford. "Hopefully we'll get some work done this summer."

Citizens advised to remove snow buildup from roofs

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

With all the recent snow, some area roofs may be risking damage if a warm spell hits the county, said Joe Duran, Director of Building and Zoning for Crawford County.

"We had too much damage last year that could have been easily avoided," said Duran.

Duran advises citizens to have snow removed from their roofs as soon as possible, especially roofs in tucked away areas and those that do not allow snow to slide off. Duran said that a warm spell could cause the snow to melt, which results in a surplus of water that will freeze, and ice is significantly heavier than snow.

The added weight strain from ice can potentially cause a roof to collapse.

"A lot of times the water will collect in one puddle," said Duran. "When

that freezes it's a lot of weight."

"People need to get it off now before the melting starts," he said.

Duran said that roofs collapsing or sustaining damage due to the weight of accumulated ice has been a costly affair for property owners over the years.

He said that last year a few structures like garages, pole barns and sheds caved in, which resulted in damage to the items contained in the buildings in addition to the destruction of the roof.

Duran hopes people will clean their roofs this year in order to keep their property safe.

"I'd just like to save people some grief, some money and some time," he said.

There are local services for hire that will remove the snow from your roof if you are unable to go up there yourself, said Duran.

HEALTHLINE

Shoveling and heart attacks

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A.
Health Educator

Q: I've heard that during one snow storm several years ago in Detroit, 22 men died of heart attacks while shoveling snow. Because of this, it worries me when my husband insists on shoveling. Is there a safe way to accomplish this winter chore?

Signed: Wife of dedicated shoveler

A: Evidence has always linked snow shoveling to heart attacks. The act of shoveling snow in itself may not be dangerous. The problem comes in when the shoveling is combined with a diseased heart or a heart susceptible to problems.

Some studies show that just two minutes of shoveling wet, heavy snow can raise heart rates and blood pressure to dangerous levels, which could lead to a heart attack. Combine this activity with cold weather that naturally narrows arteries and too much strain can be placed on the heart.

However, recently the American Heart Association advised that snow shoveling can be safe if certain precautions are followed.

This organization recommends that snow shoveling be avoided by the following groups of people unless a doctor is consulted first. Consult a doctor first if you:

- Have a heart condition and were advised to participate only in

medically supervised physical activity;

- Experience shoulder or arm pain during or right after exercise;
- Have developed chest pain within the last month;
- Tend to lose consciousness or fall due to dizziness;
- Feel extremely breathless after mild exertion;
- Were told by a doctor to take medicine for high blood pressure or a heart condition;
- Have bone or joint problems that could be made worse by shoveling snow or performing other strenuous activities, or have
- Some other physical condition that might need attention.

The following suggestions may help those who have no medical deterrents to shoveling:

- Always wear boots with good traction to avoid falls.
- If lifting snow, bend your knees. Try to push or sweep rather than lift.
- Don't shovel if you're pregnant.
- Wear a face mask or scarf to keep from inhaling cold air.
- Consider wearing a back brace with shoulder harness to avoid back injuries.
- Don't eat a large meal, smoke or drink alcohol before or after shoveling. These actions compound the strain on your heart.

The American Heart Association can provide more heart-saving tips at 1-800-AHA-USA1.

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NCMCF exceeds \$2 million goal

When North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) was formed in June 1997, most observers thought its fund-raising goal could not be reached.

NCMCF had set a \$2 million objective for five of the poorest counties in the state: Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Oscoda, and Roscommon. Moreover, the goal had to be reached in only 18 months in order to qualify for a full \$1 million matching grant from the Kellogg Foundation for NCMCF's permanent youth fund.

The final results of the fund-raising campaign, which ended December 31, is that NCMCF raised \$2,344,000.

According to Robert S. Collier, Chief Operating Officer of the Council of Michigan Foundations, "As an affiliate of the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan,

NCMCF raised more money by far than any of the other 38 affiliate foundations in the state. NCMCF was one of the last three affiliates to be formed, yet it accomplished its goal in the least amount of time."

The results by county are as follows: Crawford - \$118,000; Iosco - \$688,000; Ogemaw - \$855,000; Oscoda - \$123,000; and Roscommon - \$560,000.

Ogemaw's figure includes the pledge of the Reynold A. Gogarn Memorial Scholarship Fund by Comerica Bank during the last week of December - more than \$640,000. Iosco's figure includes the Tawas Area Education Fund - more than \$530,000, which joined NCMCF last March.

All five counties benefitted from a \$100,000 grant from The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation of Midland, Michigan for the General

Fund of each county. Four counties benefitted from a \$100,000 gift from the Kirtland Community College Foundation. Roscommon County benefitted from an unrestricted gift of \$100,000 from the Morley Foundation of Saginaw, Michigan.

Commenting on these results, NCMCF Chairman John W. Wade said, "When our Board of Directors met on November 20, we had raised only \$1.1 million. But we had a lot of balls in the air."

"Our 15 directors and 35 other county committee members did an outstanding job in finalizing over \$1.2 million in gifts and pledges during the final weeks of the year. And we are more than grateful to the hundreds of donors whose vision of the future turned a dream into a reality."

The Directors of NCMCF are: Dr.

Carolyn DiPonio, Laurie Figley, and Ron Joyce (Crawford); J. Timothy Carter, Susan Elliott, and Nancy E. Huck (Iosco); Bernard E. Bak, Patrick McGinnis, and Jim T. Orr (Ogemaw); Linda Barnes, Hugo Burzlaiff, and Bob Carpenter (Oscoda); and Robert S. Morley, John Rosczyk, and John W. Wade (Roscommon).

Now that the Kellogg Challenge has been successfully met, NCMCF will turn to the tasks of building its two Youth Advisory Councils (YACs), evaluating grant requests, and continuing to grow its permanent endowments.

NCMCF has two YACs: one serving Crawford, Ogemaw, and Roscommon Counties, with the other serving Iosco and Oscoda Counties.

Like NCMCF, the YACs expect to be making grants this spring.

School Board honored in January

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

January was declared School Board Member Recognition Month by Gov. John Engler in order to honor school board members across Michigan.

Crawford AuSable School Board members were recognized at the January 18 Board of Education meeting at the Grayling Elementary School.

Superintendent Kent Reynolds said that his board has done and continues to do an outstanding job and was quick to point out that they are really volunteers.

"Although they are elected officials, they receive little in return for the challenging job they do," remarked Reynolds.

He continued, "If you saw this help wanted ad in the newspaper,

would you apply?"

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Because these dedicated souls receive little perks or fanfare, the Governor made the proclamation in honor of them.

"School board members serve the public interest in education," said Reynolds. "They carry out the truest form of representative gov-

ernment in our democracy — volunteer public service."

Honored for their school board service were:

Marilyn Rosi, President - seven years

James McMillan, Vice President - four years

Karl Schreiner, Secretary - two years

Gary Pettyjohn, Treasurer - two years

John Pilon, Trustee - two years

Carol Ramaswamy, Trustee - five years

James Tobin, Trustee - two years

School Board Recognition Month is a national observance, too, co-sponsored by the National School Boards Association and the Michigan Association of School Boards.

Grant funds available to poor through Mercy North

Grant applications are now being accepted for the Strategic Initiative for the Poor (SIP) Fund, sponsored by Mercy Health Services North (MHSN).

The SIP fund was established at MHSN to meet the needs of the economically disadvantaged in northern Michigan.

Grants are available to organizations who provide services to families and individuals in the communities served by MHSN. That includes programs in all Crawford, Missaukee, Oscoda, Roscommon, and Wexford counties plus a portion of Lake, Montmorency, and Osceola counties that are served by Mercy.

Programs targeted to women and children are of particular interest to the grant committee.

Another round of SIP funds will be awarded in April, 1999. If you are interested in obtaining a grant application, please call (616) 876-7400.

1999 Compactor stickers on sale

Grayling Township compactor/recycling permit stickers for 1999 are now on sale.

As of January 1, every vehicle using the compactor/recycling facilities requires a 1999 sticker be displayed in a window.

The price of the permit remains at \$30 for the year.

Permits may be purchased by mail or by visiting the Grayling Township Hall on Viking Way, just south of M-72 West and just east of M-93. Mail your check or money

order to Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738.

The Compactor/Recycling Center is located on North Down River Road, between the Little League Field and Millikin's Excavating.

Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays: 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed holidays.

For more information, call the Grayling Township Hall at 348-4361.

HONORS

University of Michigan

Joshua W. Wells, of Grayling, was announced as a Degree Candidate, seeking a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education at U of M. Some 2,300 University of Michigan students on the Ann Arbor campus were degree candidates this winter.

Hope College

Sophomores Vickie L. Carter and Ann E. Becks, both of Grayling, were named to the Dean's List for the first semester of the 1998-99 school year at Hope College, having earned a minimum of a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

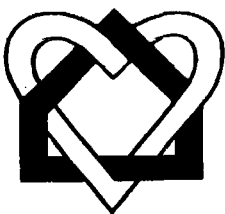
Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic

Paul A. Mikula, of Grayling, received his doctor of chiropractic degree from Sherman College on December 19, 1998. He was among 46 students graduating from the Inman, South Carolina institution this winter.

River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services

...would like to express our appreciation to all of the people who donated gifts, money and their valuable time during the holiday season to help give our clients and their children a feeling that the community cares about them and that they are loved. A visit from Santa Claus, a fun party and extra gifts were some of the benefits experienced by the women and children who use River House services. The community was generous this year and it did not go unnoticed!

Thank you,
and Happy New Year!



CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

by Tracie Compton

Cabin Fever is back at the Crawford County Libraries.

For the week of January 18-23 you can receive a coupon for a free soft drink just by visiting one of your local Libraries.

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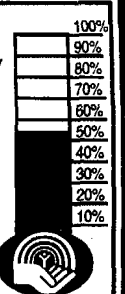
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

What's new for '99? Here's a preview:

FOOLS RUSH into places where holier personages dare not venture, according to lore. The same goes for columnists and predictions. But The Almanack has made an annual habit of going out on a limb to predict -- in print -- what's likely to happen during a new year.

And so it is once more in 1999. But first, the usual question: How clear was the crystal ball in January last year?

Mostly sunny, with intermittent clouds.

We predicted Gov. Engler's reelection, but over Democrat Larry Owen. That was one of the clouds.

We saw all Michigan incumbents going back to Congress and Republicans continuing control there.

We foresaw the GOP taking over the Michigan Legislature, and Frank Kelley retiring as attorney general.

We predicted Connie Binsfield retiring as lieutenant governor -- and even picked Dick Posthumous as her successor.

We predicted the Michigan Supreme Court would be one of the toughest campaigns in 1988, and that "a candidate with an Irish name will win" Justices Cavanagh and Corrigan did.

But we missed big on President Bill Clinton. We wrote that he would "continue to sail along, sort of floating in office" and that "no significant mud will stick on the President." Of course, the mud part was all wet.

That goof was offset by a 1997 prediction coming true in 1998 -- that Speaker Newt Gingrich "will be out of that job before the 105th Congress adjourns." His resignation met our deadline by

about a month

BUT ENOUGH of nostalgia. What about 1999? Here's what we see: Most of Gov. Engler's serious proposals will sail through the Legislature with ease.

The move to legalize the death penalty will gain momentum. It will not win in 1999, but will kindle yet another simmering political holy war.

Term limits will not produce all the dire problems in the Michigan Legislature critics paint. Some new lawmakers actually will turn out to be quite dedicated and talented.

Michigan Democrats will undergo deep political self-analysis, to find their soul and re-learn how to win elections. But in essence, usual ways of doing political business will go on, which means organized labor will continue control.

Former Gov. James Blanchard will pursue an expanding public role, and edge further toward opposing U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham in 2000.

TEXAS GOV. George W. Bush will continue as front runner for the GOP nomination for president in 2000. Some lesser lights will fade away.

Sen. John McCain will be a major factor for the presidency, and Steve Forbes will doggedly push on, spewing money from all pores. He could be a spoiler. Former Veep Dan Quayle will spurt for a while, then lose momentum by year end.

Elizabeth Dole will attract much support, but fall short of winning the nomination. She may withdraw before year end, and be the front runner for vice president.

But the jackpot question is still President

Clinton.

He will lose more sheen in the Senate trial, but the Senate will only further tarnish, not convict. Formal censure.

Added claims of sexual dalliance by Mr. Clinton will arise. More top aides will bail out of the White House. Hillary will remain publicly staunch.

Mrs. Clinton will not seek elective office in 2000, but keep her options open for running in the future.

One way or another, Mr. Clinton will not serve out his full term as President

NOW FOR the important stuff.

The New York Yankees will repeat as World Series champs.

Mark McGuire's bat will lose some pop. His home run production will fall to somewhere in the 50s.

The Detroit Lions will fizzle again, and Coach Bobby Ross will go.

University of Michigan football team will be either first or second in the Big Ten; Michigan State will not. The Spartans will win two games more than they lose.

Fans will drift back to the NBA, not in droves but in trickles.

The Red Wings will miss a Stanley Cup threepeat.

See you next year.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Something to strive for...

To the editor,

On December 31, 1998 one of the largest, if not the largest, automobile accidents in northern Michigan history occurred in our county. It happened on a not-too-accessible part of I-75, one mile south of the Frederic I-75 exit.

Over 100 hundred cars were involved and numerous people were injured. The police officers, ambulance drivers, wrecker drivers and other people who collected a wage while visiting the scene of the accident did their usual thoroughly professional job. To them, I say... "You are the best."

The people who I would really like to praise are the volunteers. Those individuals who were there helping out because they wanted to. As soon as it was humanly possible, trained volunteers from the American Red Cross were at their office, Frederic Elementary School and at the scene of the accident.

I had the opportunity to answer the phone at their office while the regular Red Cross personnel helped the accident victims at Frederic Elementary School and at the scene of the accident.

The people of Grayling and the surrounding areas restored my faith in human nature.

There were numerous calls from people in our community offering their assistance. These callers offered to open their homes to the victims, provide food, help at the scene or wherever they might be needed, and transport the victims to wherever they needed to go.

I am proud to call the people of Crawford County and the surrounding areas my friends and neighbors. By your example you have given others something to strive for.

James A. Crawford
Grayling

From the bottom of our hearts...

To the editor,

Please extend and pass along our deepest gratitude, from the bottom of our hearts, to the following per-

sons for all their help and support during and after the tragic accident:

State, local and township police, Red Cross, Grayling Holiday Inn, Frederic Elementary and the town's people who reached out and made a difference in our lives forever.

We were two of the victims/survivors of the accident and were riding in a white Chevy S10 pick-up.

Ed and Shannon Povinelli
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POINT OF VIEW

by William J. Bennett,
Co-founder - Empower America

Does honor have a future in America?

The modern age brings to mind Christian apologist C.S. Lewis's chilling words in *The Abolition of Man*: "We make men without chests and expect of them virtue and enterprise. We laugh at honour and are shocked to find traitors in our midst."

American is the greatest nation in the history of the world -- the richest, most powerful, most envied, most consequential. And yet America is the same nation that leads the industrialized world in rates of murder, violent crime, imprisonment, divorce, abortion, sexually transmitted diseases, single-parent households, teen suicide, cocaine consumption, and pornography production and consumption.

America is a place of heroes, honor, achievement, and respect. But it is also a place where heroism is often confused with celebrity, honor with fame, true achievement with popularity, individual respect with political correctness. Our culture celebrates self-gratification, the crossing of all moral boundaries, and now even the breaking of all social taboos. And on top of it all, too often the sound heard is whining -- the whining of America -- which can be heard only as the enormous ingratitude of we modern men toward our unprecedented good fortune.

Despite our wonders and greatness, we are a nation that has experienced so much social regression, so much decadence, in so short a period of time, that we have become the kind of place to which civilized countries used to send missionaries.

Casting Stones

Social regression and decadence are glaringly obvious in the current presidential administration. Now, whenever I make a comment these days criticizing Bill Clinton, someone inevitably asks, "Aren't you casting stones?" It shows how far we have fallen that calling upon the President of the United States to account for charges of adultery, lying to the public, perjury, and obstruction of justice is regarded as akin to stoning.

It is also an example of what sociologist Alan Wolfe refers to as America's new 11th Commandment: "Thou shalt not judge." In *One Nation After All*, Wolfe writes, "Middle-class Americans are reluctant to pass judgement on how other people act and think." Of course, all of us are in favor of tolerance and forgiveness. But the moral pendulum has swung too far in the direction of relativism. If a nation of free people can no longer make pronouncement

ments on fundamental matters of right and wrong -- for example, that a married 50-year-old commander-in-chief ought not to have sexual relations with a young intern in his office and then lie about it -- it has lost its way.

The problem is not with those who are withholding judgement until all the facts are in, but with the increasing number of people who want to avoid judgement altogether. Firm moral convictions have been eroded by tentativeness, uncertainty, diffidence. The new relativist consensus Wolfe describes is not surprising. During the last 30 years we have witnessed a relentless assault on traditional norms and a profound shift in public attitudes. The tectonic plates have moved.

Why have we been drawn toward such permissiveness? My former philosophy professor John Silber was correct when he spoke of an "invitation to mutual corruption." We are hesitant to impose upon ourselves a common moral code because we want our own exemptions. This modern allergy to judgments and standards, of which attitudes toward the Clinton scandal are but a manifestation, is deeply problematic, for a defining mark of a good republic is precisely the willingness to make judgements about the things that matter.

In America, we do not defer to kings, cardinals, or aristocrats; we rely instead on the people's capacity to make reasonable judgments based on moral principles. Our form of government requires of us not moral perfection but modest virtues and adherence to some standards.

Those who constantly invoke the sentiment of "Who are we to judge?" should consider the anarchy that would ensue if we adhered to this sentiment in, say, our courtrooms. What would happen if those sitting on a jury decided to be "non-judgmental" about rapists and sexual harassers, embezzlers and tax cheats? Justice would be lost. Without being "judgmental," Americans would never have put an end to slavery, outlawed child labor, emancipated women, or ushered in the civil rights movement. Nor

would we have prevailed against Nazism and communism, or known how to explain our opposition.

Mr. Clinton himself admitted in a judgment-laden 1996 proclamation he signed during National Character Week: "Individual character involves honoring and embracing certain core ethical values: honesty, respect, responsibility.... Parents must teach their children from the earliest age the difference between right and wrong. But we must all do our part."

How do we judge a wrong -- any wrong whatsoever -- when we have gutted the principle of judgment itself? What arguments can be made after we have strip-mined all the arguments of their force, their power, and their ability to inspire public outrage? We all know that there are times when we will have to judge others, when it is both right and necessary to judge others. If we do not confront the soft relativism that is currently disguised as a virtue, we will find ourselves morally and intellectually disarmed.

The Value-Free Culture

Our most exalted leader, a man who once proudly boasted that he would head the most ethical administration in history, is now saying to the American people, in effect, "My political enemies are to blame for all the scandals that surround me. I have nothing more to say. The rules don't apply to me. There are no consequences to my actions. It's irrelevant. My private life has nothing to do with my public life. My only responsibility is to do the people's business."

This is moral bankruptcy, and it is damaging our country, our standards, and our self-respect. It is also jeopardizing the future of the next generation of American leaders. A year ago, I delivered an address at the U.S. Naval Academy in which I told the Annapolis cadets that I was well aware of the fact that even among their ranks -- among the military's brightest and best young men and women -- there is widespread confusion of purpose and attenuation of belief. After all, if the character and personal conduct of the acknowledged leader of the free

world is "irrelevant," then what is relevant? Why should anyone feel compelled to make sacrifices for the sake of an abstract principle like honor?

Honor never grows old, and honor gives the greatest joy, because honor is, finally, about defending noble and worthy things that deserve to be defended, even at a high cost. In our time, the cost may be social disapproval, public scorn, hardship, persecution, or even death.

Does honor have a future? Like all things human, it is always open to question. As free citizens, we can always fail to live up to the "better angels of our nature." After the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention in 1787, a lady reportedly asked Benjamin Franklin, "Well, Doctor, what have we got -- a republic or a monarchy?" Franklin replied, "A republic, if you can keep it."

And so honor has a future, if we can keep it. And we keep it only if we continue to esteem it, value those who display it, and refuse to laugh at it.

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Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

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Illness cancels Shields & Yarnell show

Shields & Yarnell, scheduled for January 23 at 8 p.m., at Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts, has been cancelled due to Robert Shields' illness. The show will not be rescheduled. Ticket holders should contact the Kirtland Ticket Office at (517) 275-6777 for further information regarding ticket exchange.

EMT classes offered in South Branch

South Branch Township will be offering Basic EMT classes beginning February 1. Classes will be held Monday and Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Registration packets are available by contacting the Township at (517) 275-8232. For more information on the classes, contact Ernie Windolph at (517) 275-8348.

Transplant support group to meet

The Transplant Support Group of Northern Michigan will meet Saturday, January 23, at 1 p.m., in the classroom of Otsego Memorial Hospital, located at 825 N. Center (US-27 North) in Gaylord. Pharmacist Kay Hanna 'De Luca, Director of Pharmacy at Otsego Memorial Hospital will be the guest speaker that day. This group is designed for anyone pre- or post-transplant, their families, caregivers, or donors. Pre-registration is not required. To check for cancellation due to poor weather conditions, please call Bev Cherwinski at (517) 983-4188, Suzie Coveyou at (616) 347-7844, or Otsego Memorial Hospital Health Education Department at (517) 731-2193.

Financial Aid Forms Night

If you, or your high school sons or daughters, are in need of money for college, but confused about how to apply for federal financial aid and other student aid programs, then mark your calendar for Wednesday, February 3.

Kirtland Community College is offering a free Financial Aid Forms Night to give professional help to parents and potential students filling out and completing a financial aid form or FAFSA -- Free Application for Federal Student Aid -- for the 1999-2000 academic year.

The event will be held from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Continuing Education Center on Campus Drive.

"When you first look at them, the forms can be a bit intimidating. So, we thought it would help both parents and students if we actually walked them through the process and answered their questions along the way," said Dale Shantz, Director of Financial Aid for Kirtland.

Once completed, Shantz said the College will submit the financial aid application forms electronically to the federal government for the applicants.

"It should be a great night. We'll provide expert step-by-step advice on how to fill out the FAFSA form, a lot of free general information on financial aid programs, additional scholarship information, and some light refreshments," Shantz said.

The Director said that reservations are not necessary. The gathering will probably be limited to about 50 people, however, to allow his financial aid staff members to give as much individual attention as possible to

those attending.

Shantz also said everyone should, as applicable, bring the following income information to the meeting:

Federal 1040 Forms & Schedules (1998 if completed); W-2 statements (1998); FIA Annual Statements (1998); Social Security Annual Statements (1998); Child Support Records (Paid and Received); Other 1998 Income Information; and any additional untaxed income information.

For more information on the Financial Aid Forms Night, call Kirtland's Financial Aid Department at (517) 275-5121, ext. 257.

Wild turkey count on

The Wildlife Division of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is conducting its annual January wild turkey count.

Anyone having information on numbers of wild turkeys in Crawford, Oscoda, or Alcona Counties, please contact the Mio DNR Office, at (517) 826-3211.

"Without assistance from the public, it would not be possible to do our annual turkey census," remarked Dan Souls of the Mio DNR Office.

In January of 1998, the DNR's wild turkey census showed 1,167 birds in Oscoda County, 1,600 in Alcona County, and 1,179 in Crawford County.

Any questions regarding wild turkeys can be directed to the Wildlife Division at the Mio DNR Office.

Every runs for a cause



Photo courtesy of Ed Mullin

FUND-RAISING RUN - In five hours and 26 minutes, Mary (Mullin) Every completed a 26.2-mile marathon in Honolulu, Hawaii on December 13, 1998 to raise \$4,200 for The Leukemia Society of America's research efforts. The marathoner received support from many people in the Grayling area. Every is the daughter of Ed and Joyce Mullin of Lovells.

Tribe helps cover cost of farm park's pavilion

Earlier this month, the staff of Wellington Farm Park received the news that the cost for completion of the park's Picnic Pavilion would be covered by a grant from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

Now that funds are available, the 24 x 48-foot structure will be completed in time for the park's opening on May 29.

Wellington Farm Park is a 60-acre living history museum located on Military Road, between Lake Margrethe and Higgins Lake.

Located on one of the sites of the former Wellington Post Office, the farm depicts life on a midwestern farmstead prior to electricity. More specifically, during the Great Depression.

Money to partially complete the Picnic Pavilion has been provided by individual donations and the Wellington Farm Folk, the support organization of Wellington Farm Park. When it is completed, the

structure will be known as the Leon Johnstone Picnic Pavilion, in honor of the Farm Folk Past President.

The Picnic Pavilion will be available for use for the several festivals and functions which are held each year at Wellington Farm Park and also on a rental basis to local groups, churches, families and organizations.

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FRI 22	• GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
SAT 23	• PROMISE KEEPERS BREAKFAST. Location to be announced, call Fred Albers at 348-7695.
SUN 24	• GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. • ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 25	• KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Shoppenagon's Inn, 12 noon. • GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm @ Frederic Township Hall. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
TUES 26	• GPA MEETING @ Gray Rock Cafe, 12 noon. • GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
WED 27	• ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. • WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. • GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon. Call Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.

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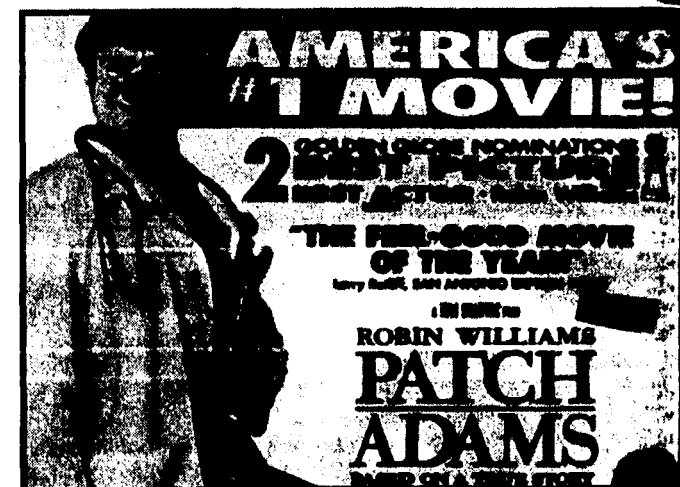
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The Bible Speaks

Signs of the End

Christ was questioned by His disciples concerning His return to earth and the end of this age. Matthew 24:3) "And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" Christ spent the chapter telling His Jewish disciples what trends to expect before His return to rule over Israel. These trends included increased religious deception, v. 4; increased false Christs v.5; increase in wars and rumors of wars among nations, v. 6,7a; increase in famines, pestilences, and earthquakes, v. 7b-8; increase in religious hatred and persecution of Christ's disciples, v.9,10; increase in false religious prophets, v.11; sin multiplying and love diminishing, v.12, 13; along with a number of signs to be fulfilled during the coming seven year Great Tribulation period. (Revelation chapters 6 through 18 detail God's future seven year judgement upon earth during the great tribulation period.)

Jesus Christ also likens human attitudes at His return to earth with those existing when He destroyed the earth in Noah's day, and destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah in the days of Lot. (Luke 17:26-30) "And as it was in the days of

Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. {27} They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. {28} Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; {29} But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. {30} Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."

God warned those who ridicule the above prophecies: (2 Peter 3:3-8) "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, {4} And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. {5} For this they willingly are ignorant of that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water; {6} Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: {7} But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgement

and perdition of ungodly men. {8} But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."

Time is unsure for unbelievers to repent of their sins and trust Jesus Christ as their savior and God. (2 Peter 3:9) "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (Hebrews 4:8) "...To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Avoiding the fires of divine judgment are a valid choice for trusting Jesus Christ and getting saved today. (Jude 1:23).

Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

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Song contest seeks next Christian chart-topper

Embassy Music of Nashville, Tenn. is conducting its 5th annual artist and song search.

The *Ultimate Talent Search* will offer over \$50,000 in prizes, which includes a recording contract for the Grand Prize Winner in the Artist's Division.

The Grand Prize Winning Song will be recorded and distributed nationwide to Christian Radio.

Entry forms will be available January 28 and all entries must be received no later than March 22, 1999.

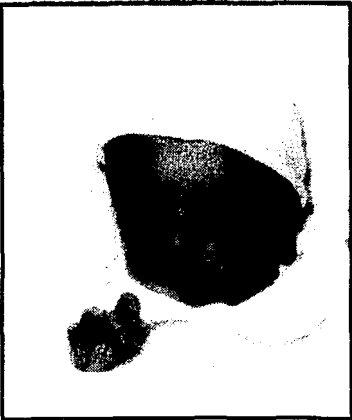
This year's judges include: Kent Coley of Forefront Records whose credits include D.C. Talk

and Rebecca St. James; Morgan Cryar, recording artist for Damascus Road Records whose songs, *Pray in the USA* and *If I Never See a Miracle* found their way to the #1 spot on CCM's National Charts; Cindy Goff, President of Southern Communications, whose credits include Gaither Vocal Band and The Martins; and Darwin Moody, President of Embassy Music, whose credits include The London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Last year's *Ultimate Talent Search* winner was Rob Brooks of Lexington, Kentucky. His self-penned song, *The Love of God*, landed in the Top 15 on CCRB's National Chart.

To receive an entry form, call The Ultimate Hotline at (615) 345-2500 or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Embassy Music, 1161 Murfreesboro Road, Suite 323, Nashville, TN 37217.

HOMETOWN NEWS



Roger Hall Walsh

Roger Hall Walsh was born on October 31, 1998 at 4:33 p.m., to Walter and Gretchen Walsh of Grayling. He weighed 3 pounds, 11 ounces.

The maternal grandparents are David and Sylvia Reiser of Cadillac and the paternal grandparents are Julie and the late Roger Walsh of Petoskey.

Paternal great-grandparents are Marie LaConsiere and Martin and Myrna Walsh, all of Sault Ste. Marie.

Church Directory

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1 Peter 3:8-22	Matthew 16:13-28	Matthew 17:1-13	Matthew 18:1-9	Matthew 18:10-20	Matthew 19:13-30	Joshua 20:17-28

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Contest offers free advice for a debt-free 1999

Debt Counselors of America (DCA), the national, non-profit Internet-based debt counseling agency, announced they are providing free custom reports to consumers to show them how to get out of debt as quickly as possible, without a loan, by using available funds.

This free service will help consumers pay off their debts and begin the New Year on better financial footing.

The Debt Eliminator report allows consumers to pay off their bills in the shortest amount of time and pay the least amount of interest.

Consumers make their own payments to creditors by following the report.

Consumers frequently make many resolutions to start the New Year and DCA hopes that paying off their debts will be at the forefront. According to the President and Co-Founder, Steve Rhode, "The New Year offers consumers the chance to take action and greatly improve their financial lives."

"This year we are offering a free Debt Eliminator report to consumers so they can have a detailed plan of how to pay off their debts as

quickly as possible, which can lead to a better and less stressful life," said Rhodes. "The holiday life is coming, so now is the perfect time to get on a plan and get out of debt."

To receive the free service, visit www.GetOutOfDebt.org and download the special free Debt Eliminator report data form. After providing the necessary information, mail it to: DCA - FREE Debt Eliminator Report, P.O. Box 8587, Gaithersburg, MD 20898-8587.

Consumers without Internet access can also request that a copy

of the special free Debt Eliminator report data form be sent to them by sending their request and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the above address.

In order to receive this free service, consumers must send a photo of themselves or their family which may be displayed on DCA's web site.

The first 200 people to mail their completed report with a photograph will receive the free service which is valued at \$25. Complete contest rules can be found at the DCA web site.

Rep. Camp highlights new tax changes for 1998 filing

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Dave Camp (R-MI) announced that 1998 income tax filing forms are available in his Houghton Lake District Office at 3508 West Houghton Lake Drive, and highlighted various tax changes to keep in mind during the upcoming filing season.

"1999 will bring with it several new tax changes," said Camp. "These changes will allow Americans to save more of their money for investment, education and other needs."

"I am also pleased that we passed legislation that arms taxpayers with new protections in their dealings with the Internal Revenue Service," continued Camp. "There is still much work that needs to be done as we address the issue of tax reform. However, we have taken the first important steps."

Specifically, 1998 taxpayers should remember the following changes when filing with the IRS:

- The \$400 per child tax credit.

For each child under age 17, families will receive a \$400 per child tax credit in 1998. The full credit applies to single filers with adjusted gross income less than \$75,000 and joint filers with incomes less than \$110,000. The credit covers over 48 million children and will increase to \$500 per child for the 1999 tax filing season.

- Expansion of Deductible Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs). For 1998, joint filers qualify for IRAs if their adjusted gross

income was below \$60,000.

• Higher Education Tax Relief for Students. Many students who have paid interest on qualified education loans will be able to deduct a portion of the interest paid from their income taxes. In 1998, the maximum deduction is \$1,000. For 1999 filers, the deduction increases to \$1,500.

• Small Business Expensing. Roughly 700,000 small businesses will be able to deduct up to \$18,500 in expenses in 1998 for tangible personal property that is purchased for use in the active conduct of a trade or business.

Camp also indicated that forms may be obtained on the Internet at www.irs.ustreas.gov/cover.html.

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Travelogue to feature Rocky Mountains

The Community Education Travel and Adventure Series will feature a new presentation by Joe and Mary Liz Adair - *The Crown Jewels of the Rocky Mountains* - on Thursday, January 28.

In this presentation, held in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School, Glacier National Park, Rocky Mountain National Park, Grand Teton National Park, and Yellowstone National Park will be the featured attractions.

Those people attending the Travelogue can expect to see the ultimate celebration of the grandeur and beauty of the western America landscape.

Joe and Mary Liz Adair have lived, worked, and traveled in over 60 nations producing travel-destination films of four continents. Their home and studio is in Estes Park, Colorado, overlooking the

Rocky Mountain National Park.

Joe Adair's undergraduate work in International Studies was accomplished at the University of Northern Iowa and Georgetown University. He holds a Masters degree in Education from the University of Iowa.

Immediately upon graduation, Joe directed an educational development program in Haile Selassie's Ethiopia within the framework of the American Peace Corps.

Mary Liz Adair pursued her undergraduate work in Sociology and Philosophy in Canada. She is a graduate of the University of Toronto and the Royal Conservatory of Music.

Together the Adairs, and with the humblest of citizens in the out-

backs of the world to bring the story of people to people. Eight of their recent productions have been presented in command performances in Washington, D.C. for the National Geographic Society.

Their award-winning films have been exhibited by virtually every television broadcaster in North America. They have lectured in concert to travel audiences in over 1,000 North American cities.

The Adairs have been honored for their work by the United States Industrial Film Festival and are the recipients of the *Kentucky Thoroughbred Award*, the highest honor accorded a public relations film in the State of Kentucky.

Joe Adair is a Past-President of the International Motion Picture and Lecturers Association, and the

Adairs served together as President of the INTRAFILM, the International Travel and Adventure Film Guild. The recently received the prestigious *Speaker of the Year Award* from their professional colleagues.

The Travel and Adventure Series is a partnership presentation involving the Crawford AuSable Community Education Program and Dick & Sons of Grayling.

Doors open to the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at 6:45 p.m. and the exciting journey begins at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased at the door, or by calling 348-7641, ext 123 or 120. Prices are \$4 for adults, \$3.50 for students and senior citizens. Group rates are available.

Child safety seat bill shelved, but will be revived

by Jennifer Potvin
Capital News Service

LANSING - Sen. George Hart is disappointed that his child-safety seat bill was shelved when the Legislature's lame-duck session ended without acting on the measure.

He hasn't lost hope, however, and calls it his No. 1 priority for next year.

"I definitely plan on re-introducing the bill in January," the Dearborn Democrat said.

"Michigan has some of the worst child-restraint laws in the country, and that needs to be changed."

"The sooner these new regulations become law, the better off our children will be."

His bill would update the current law, which was enacted in 1981 -- nearly two decades ago.

Current regulations are based on age. That sometimes means that older

but smaller children aren't restrained properly.

The proposed changes in legislation would include a child's weight in safety seat regulations, and require children under four and weighing more than 40 pounds to be properly restrained in a booster or car seat.

Colleen Christensen, the administrator of the Montessori Children's House in Sutton's Bay and Traverse City, said most parents she works with take adequate measures to assure their children's safety in the car.

"They use good judgement and provide the most up-to-date equipment out there," Christensen said.

But Christensen said the law could be clearer and better communicated to Michigan motorists.

"The information could be given to parents in the hospital at the time of

birth," she said. "It would also be helpful as the director of a school to have that information to relay to parents."

AAA Michigan information officer Jim Rink said parents should realize that child safety restraint systems can mean the difference between life and death.

"AAA offers families brochures, a safety clinic on installation of car seats and a safety consultant certified in child seat installation on staff," Rink said. "We want to help parents learn to use the seats properly to prevent avoidable tragedies."

Hart said you don't have to be a parent to appreciate protecting children.

"I hope everyone will take time to ensure that car seats are properly placed in vehicles and children are properly strapped in," Hart said.

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The Michigan Department of Treasury released the names of state colleges and universities that qualify for participation in the Michigan College Tuition Tax Credit Program.

Parents and guardians with students at these qualified educational institutions who have an adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$200,000 or less are eligible to receive a tuition tax credit.

The tax credit can be up to \$375 per student and will be applied to the taxpayer's 1998 income tax liability. The taxpayer must complete Schedule CT and attach it to the 1998 MI 1040 income tax form to claim this credit.

"For fiscal year 1998, those claiming the credit saved an estimated \$19.2 million," said State Treasurer Douglas B. Roberts. "This tax credit provides an opportunity for those eligible to recoup a portion of the cost of higher education."

Eligible schools are those which did not increase both their tuition and uniformly applied fees by more than the 1997 inflation rate of 2.3 percent.

The following schools have been certified by the Department of

Treasury as being qualified under the provisions of this program:

• **Public Universities** - Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Ferris State University, Grand Valley State University, Lake Superior State University, Michigan State University, Northern Michigan University, and Saginaw Valley State University.

• **Private Colleges** - Alma College, Aquinas College, Cleary College, Kendall College of Art and Design, Olivet College, and Reformed Bible College.

• **Community Colleges** include: Kirtland Community College, Lake Michigan College, Lansing Community College, Mid Michigan Community College, Montcalm Community College, Mott Community College, Northwestern Michigan College, Schoolcraft College.

"The Department of Treasury has worked with the colleges and universities to make certain the certification process moved as quickly and accurately as possible," said Roberts. "Our goal is to make sure that those

eligible have full ability to take advantage of the tax credit."

The Department of Treasury also

has listed the qualified colleges and universities, for the first time, on its Internet site: www.treas.state.mi.us.

YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

Are you among the 20 percent of people receiving Social Security retirement, survivors or disability payments who pay taxes on your benefits? If so, then you know what a bother it is to make quarterly estimated tax payments to keep from having to pay the entire tax at the end of the year.

You can now have your taxes withheld from your federal monthly benefit payment.

To have taxes withheld, you must complete IRS Form W-4V (Voluntary Withholding Request). You must select the percentage of your monthly benefit amount you want withheld (either 7, 15, 28, or 31... only these percentages can be used. Flat dollar amounts are not acceptable).

After you've made your selection, sign and return the form to your local Social Security office by mail or in person.

Remember, you are responsible for stating what percentage you want withheld from your monthly payment amount. If you want to know how much a particular percentage of your benefit is equal to in dollars, you may call Social Security. However, if you have questions about your tax liability, call the Internal Revenue Service

(IRS).

Each time you want to change or stop a withholding, complete the W-4V and send it directly to Social Security.

If for some reason your benefits stop, the withholding stops and cannot start again without a new, completed IRS Form W-4V. If your benefits are temporarily suspended or deferred, the request will be held and resumed once benefits resume.

To get a W-4V, Voluntary Withholding Request form, call the IRS toll-free at 1-800-829-3676. Your Social Security office will not have these forms. However, if you have access to the Internet, you can get the form from our web site at www.ssa.gov.

Keep in mind, this is totally voluntary. You can continue to pay your taxes the way you've been paying them. The new procedure is designed to make it easier for you to take care of this responsibility.

If you have any questions about voluntary tax withholding, contact your local Social Security office or call 1-800-772-1213.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OPEN HOUSE MEETING NOTICE I-75/NORTH DOWN RIVER ROAD INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT IN CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN

The Michigan Department of Transportation will have representatives present at an Open House meeting from 3:30 to 5:00 and 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3, 1999 in the Grayling Middle School Cafeteria, 500 Spruce Street, in Grayling.

The purpose of this Open House is to provide the opportunity for the public to drop in and discuss the preliminary plans for the proposed improvements to the I-75/North Down River Road interchange. The goal is to add a southbound entrance and a northbound exit with minimal impact to the AuSable River and related environmental impacts.

It is the intent of the Department not only to invite, but also to encourage citizen involvement and participation in the planning process for this project. It must be stressed that this is not a public hearing of recommended highway improvements, as there have been none selected. The objective of the meeting is to gain input, at the earliest possible stage of the study, from local residents and to stimulate communication and cooperation.

Because no formal presentation will be given, please feel free to stop in anytime between 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting:

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All requests for applications must include the following: student's name, permanent home address, city, state, zip code, name of current high school or college, approximate grade point average, and year in school during the 1998-99 academic year.

Applications will be fulfilled by mail only, on or about April 9. Two hundred and fifty (250) winners will be selected on the basis of academic performance, involvement in

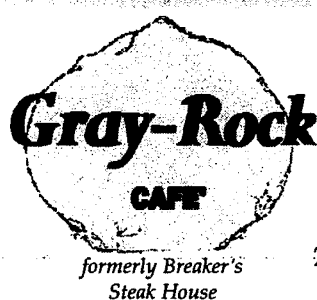
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HOMETOWN NEWS

The L'Anse Post of the Michigan State Police received a new trooper last week.

Trooper Jeffrey L. Hammond, a graduate of the 117th Michigan State Police Trooper Recruit School, has begun patrol duties. Hammond is one of 96 new troopers who graduated during a special ceremony on January 8 in Lansing.

Hammond, a native of Grand Haven, is a graduate of Lakeshore Baptist High School and Pensacola Christian College. He has an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice.

Trooper Hammond is the son of Judy and Dale Hammond of Frederic.

As a graduate of the 117th Michigan State Police Trooper Recruit School, Trooper Hammond received 20 weeks of intense training in criminal law, criminal investi-

gation, patrol tactics, physical fitness, first aid, firearms instruction, defensive tactics, and precision driving techniques.

Guests at the Ann Hamlin home for Christmas Eve were Richard and Margie Smith, Curt and Robyn Utterback and boys, Jim and Janice Smith, Mark and Mary Smith and boys, Marc and Tammy Smith and son Jordan, all of Mt. Pleasant. Kent and Melissa Cotton and daughter



Trooper Jeffrey L. Hammond

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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for the week ahead: Remember, quarrels would not last long if the fault were on one side only.

Just wanted to let you in on our "PJ" party on the 26th with our dance with Tina. A lot of people wear very different things when they go to bed. By that I mean some people wear there jogging suits or leisure suits to bed or long flannels in this weather! By all means wear slippers or comfy oversocks, because this is definitely a comfy apparel dance! Come and have fun with us at 12:30 on the 26th and that way you can see what the

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Thought to leave you with: Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look at what they can do when they stick together!

OBITUARIES

Phyllis J. Sauter

Phyllis J. Sauter, 68, of Grayling, passed away on January 14, 1999 at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

Phyllis was born on December 4, 1930, in Garden City, to Axel Anderson and Rosslyn Keyes. She moved to Grayling 27 years ago from Livonia. She owned and operated the Hospitality House Motel in Grayling. She was a member of the Grayling Promotional Association, American Business Women's Association and the Michigan Hotel and Motel Association.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Martin Benjamin Hexham, twin daughters: Dawn and Debbie Hexham, and her parents.

Survivors include: three sons: Darrell M. (Donna) Sauter of Grayling, Mitchell Brian Hexham of Grayling and Craig (Jackie) Hexham of Westminster, Colorado; sister, Nancy Ciske of Chicago, Illinois; aunt, Betty Baker of Wayne; uncle, Hugh Baker of Wayne; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on January 19, 1999 at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, with the Reverend William C Winter officiating. Burial at Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling. Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Crawford County Animal Shelter.

Norbert R. Lesinski

Norbert R. "Norm" Lesinski, 71, of East Tawas, passed away on January 8, 1999 at Tawas St. Joseph Hospital.

Norbert was born on November 21, 1927 in Dearborn. He served in the Air Borne Division of the Army of Occupation of Japan and Hawaii after WWII. He was the former dietary director at Tawas St. Joseph Hospital and Grayling Mercy Hospital. He was also a retired property manager for apartment complexes in Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, Albany, Georgia and Cocoa Beach and Melbourne, Florida. He was a dietary supervisor at the corrections facility in Rochester, New York. He also was a long time employee at Jacques and Kobs Funeral Home in Tawas.

Mr. Lesinski was a member of the former St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Tawas and was a life member and past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus in Tawas and Grayling Councils. He was past president of the Tawas and Grayling Fraternal Order of the Eagles Clubs. Mr. Lesinski was the first C.P.R. instructor for E.M.T.s in Northern Michigan and was affiliated with the Isosco County Ambulance Service. He was a past member of the East Tawas Fire Department and was involved for many years in Little League and the Tawas Braves Boosters Club. He was a former member of the Tawas Elks Lodge and was a charter member of the St. Clair Shores Kiwanis Club. He was also a past member of the Grayling Rotary Club.

He was preceded in death by his son Christopher in 1958.

He is survived by: his wife, Margaret; two sons: David (Marsha) of Tawas City and John (Becky) of Grass Lake; four grandchildren: Michele, Kimberley, Jessica and John Jr., one sister, Leona Baer of Lakeview, Colorado and a cousin, Richard Gramza (Mary Louise) of Buffalo, New York, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be on Friday, April 9, 1999 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Jacques and Kobs Funeral Home in Tawas City. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 10, 1999 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorial contributions to St. Joseph Health System's Healthy Community 2000, St. Joseph Huron Home Health Care and Hospice, or the Tawas Area Sports Boosters.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following complaints were reported to the Crawford County Sheriff's Department from January 11 through 18:

One ambulance assist; two assault; two burglary; five larceny; two vehicle theft; one fraud; one property damage; one controlled substance; two family/child; seven public peace; one OUIL/OUID; nine health and safety; one conservation; two minors; one runaway; 24 accidents; one non-traffic accident; three snowmobile; three false alarm; two accident - other; two civil/family trouble; three suspicious situation; two lost/found property; 22 general non-criminal.

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Former military may be entitled to unemployment

Lansing - A change of fortune may be in store for some former military members who were denied unemployment benefits following their separation from the service.

Acting on newly-issued instructions from the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), Michigan's Unemployment Agency (UA) is advising former members of the military to revisit their local UA office if they were denied unemployment benefits because their military separation was due to "inaptitude" and their service was continuous for 365 days or more.

"Any former military member who was rejected from receiving unemployment benefits on or after November 9, 1997, because of a service separation due to 'inaptitude' should request a redetermination from their local UA office," Acting UA Director Jack Wheatley said.

"They may now be entitled to some federal unemployment compensation for ex-military members (UCX) because the Labor Department no longer considers an 'inaptitude' separation as a reason for disqualifying a claim," he explained.

The Unemployment Agency acts as the agent for the federal government in Michigan to pay jobless benefits to former military service members.

Wheatley estimates that fewer than 100 individuals in the state are affect-

ed by USDOL's new directive, but his agency will try to locate them to preserve their rights to these federal benefits.

"If we can find these men and women, we will ask for further information about their ability to work, availability for work and their efforts to find work since November 15, 1998," Wheatley said. "If they are entitled to benefits, they could start with that week, although benefits are not payable for prior weeks."

Nationally, the USDOL estimates that separations due to "inaptitude" could allow between 2,500 and 3,000 additional claimants to qualify for UCX annually.

The USDOL defines "inaptitude" as being "unsuitable for military service for reasons largely related to personal characteristics not reflected by acts of serious misbehavior."

The department has determined that any of 20 reasons constitute "inaptitude" for UCX qualifying purposes. The reasons range from being a conscientious objector, to unsatisfactory or substandard performance, to failing a drug or alcohol abuse rehabilitation program.

To avoid missing claimants who may qualify for these federal jobless benefits, the USDOL has required the UA and its sister agencies across the country to publicize the possible payment of these benefits.

Trenary and Retz wed



Jane Trenary, of Grayling, is pleased to announce the marriage of her daughter, Nicole Marie to Michael Wayne Retz, son of Ted and Shiela Retz of Hartford of Hartford City, Indiana. Nicole is also the daughter of the late Thomas D. Trenary and the granddaughter of Eugene and Gertrude Lobsinger of Grayling. Michael is the grandson of Tilman Jr. and Barbara Clark and Rosanna Retz, all of Winchester, Indiana.

The ceremony took place May 30, 1998, at St. Mary Catholic Church, in Grayling, with Reverend Robert Nalley officiating.

Maid of Honor was Jody Lobsinger, cousin and friend of the bride. She wore an emerald green, a-line, floor length dress. The bridesmaids wearing electric blue colored dresses were: Lisa LaMotte-Kreger, Shelley (Trenary) MaChulis, Beth (Trenary) Szot, all sisters of the bride, and Nicole Lester, friend of the couple.

The Junior Bridesmaids adorned in deep purple Dollywood dresses with white lace were: Molly Trenary, KayLee Kreger, Jenessa

MaChulis, Faith Szot and Ashley Smith, nieces of the bride. Rachael Retz, daughter of the groom, was a miniature bride, adorned all in white.

Bestman was James Hoffman, friend of the groom and his groomsmen were: Brad Trenary, brother of the bride, Brandon Retz and Jason Retz, brothers of the groom, and DJ Purroll, friend of the couple. The groomsmen wore black tuxedos with tails and star light vests to match the bridesmaid's dresses.

The bride wore a white satin gown adorned in pearls and sequins, that came off the shoulders. She wore a pearl and sequin crown veil.

The groom wore a white tuxedo with tails.

The reception was held at the K of C Hall in Grayling. The hall was decorated in emerald green, electric blue and dark purple with white Christmas lights in a Cinderella theme.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Orlando and Indian Rocks Beach, Florida. The couple was able to visit with childhood friends of the bride.

The couple resides in the Grayling area.

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MILITARY NEWS

Army Pvt. William A. Snider has graduated from the watercraft engineer course at Fort Eustis, Newport News, VA.

During the course, the student learned to assist in performing basic preventative maintenance on engines and auxiliary machinery used on marine vessels. Included were drills and survival measures, shipboard sanitation, and first aid.

Snider is the son of Kirk A. and Karen L. Snider of Frederic and is a 1998 graduate of Grayling High School.

Navy Seaman Recruit Ronald D. Boersma, son of Sandra Boersma of Grayling, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

Boersma is a 1997 graduate of Gull Lake High School in Richland.

During the eight-week program, Boersma completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis is also placed on physical fitness.

Boersma and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's core values -- honor, courage and commitment -- and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct. The also were trained in preventing sexual harassment and ensuring equal opportunity.

Boersma joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this year from all over the country. The Navy will have more than 57,000 job openings and opportunities which include guaranteed training in 1999.

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FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

CUTTING CORNERS?

When a corner (or both corners) of a nail grows into the surrounding tissue, the flesh surrounding the ingrown toenail becomes inflamed, hot, painful, red and swollen. It may even become infected and fill with pus. One very common treatment option is a partial surgical matricectomy, the excision of a wedge of nail and underlying nailbed with a scalpel. This may require a stitch, a bandage and wearing a loose-fitting shoe for a time. An alternative is the partial chemical matricectomy, the removal of the ingrown portion of the nail with a chemical such as phenol. This may also require some bandaging to accommodate anticipated drainage; your podiatrist may also advise about medicated foot soaks to speed drainage and healing.

An ingrown toenail probably causes more foot pain and misery than almost any other

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P.S. To avoid ingrown toenails, refrain from wearing shoes that cramp the toes and always take care to trim toenails straight across without cutting into the corners.



Junior Miss contestants keep busy schedule

Junior Miss contestants are keeping a busy schedule preparing for the Gala Program Night on Saturday, February 6, at 7 p.m., at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

The theme this year is "Through the years with the Class of 2000," and for the past several weeks, 13 junior girls have been working hard preparing themselves to put their best foot forward on the night of the program.

Dance Coordinator Stacey Rosin-Gay has been working on a presentation what will showcase years past and present through dance.

The Junior Miss contestants will perform the Charleston, Fox Trot, the 40's Jitterbug, the 50's Swim, the 60's Pony and Twist, the 70's Disco, the 80's and 90's New Wave, swing and some New Millennium moves.

In addition, classes have been held in fitness, make-up, poise and appearance -- plus, working on their talent and general presentation. All this and the contestants still must keep up with their schoolwork and extracurricular activities.

The girls have practiced their fitness routine with Certified Jazzercise Instructor Cathy Hehir and Teresa Furst, as well as the Evening Gown Presentation with Stacey-Rosin Gay.

The Staff of Heads Up North have given each contestant new hairstyles to enhance their beauty and will be back stage on the big night.

Larry Roberts of WGRY/WQON Radio has donated time to tape music for many of the musical numbers.

The girls were guests of Chief Shoppenagon's Inn and performed a talent preview for a live audience.

At Grayling High School this week, the girls will present their talent to the members of the American Business Women Association (ABWA), the sponsoring organization of the contest.

On January 21, Julie Gates, Mary Kay Cosmetics Consultant, will give each contestant a "Glamour" make-up session, followed by mock interviews before ABWA members.

The month of January will end with a sleep-over at the home of John and Nancy Hunt and including the contestants' mothers, if they dare to come.

Contestants will be divided into two groups: Group 1 will prepare



Photos courtesy of Sandra Moore

CLOSER TO BIG NIGHT - The girls have made new friendships and created fond memories. Bottom row, l to r: Amanda Love, Amy Stevenson, Bethanie Black, Allison Schoen. Middle row, l to r: Danielle McClanahan, Krystal Savoy, Tasha Carlisle, Tanya Helsel, Brandi McClain, Monica Kustra, Darci Trudgeon. Top row, l to r: Amie Price, Sheryl Papendick.



RECORDING SESSION - Larry Roberts of WGRY/WQON Radio helped the girls with some recording projects. Shown with Roberts are Amanda Love, Amie Price, Allison Schoen, Tasha Carlisle and Brandi McClain.

supper and Group 2 will prepare breakfast the following morning. They will be judged on their culinary skills and ingenuity.

Some other highlights of participating in the contest have been skiing, snowboarding and tubing at Hanson Hills, as well as a swim and pizza

party at the Hospitality House.

The week leading to the big night will be event-filled, too.

The Junior Miss contestants have made new friendships and learned a great deal about themselves.

A full dress rehearsal will be held on Friday, February 5 in front of all

the people that have helped them so much in preparation.

Some of the people involved in making the contest a success besides those mentioned earlier are Director Sandra Moore, Contestant Coordinator Jodi Potter, Talent Coordinator Carol Becks, Judges/Interview Coordinator Pat Kangas, and Music and Lights Director Sam Moore.

Master of Ceremonies for the February 6 grand finale will be Wayne Hindmarsh, former owner and operator of WQON 100 FM in Grayling, and now General Manager of ADNEX Detroit. Hindmarsh will be assisted in the ceremonies by Grayling City Councilwoman D.J. Brown.

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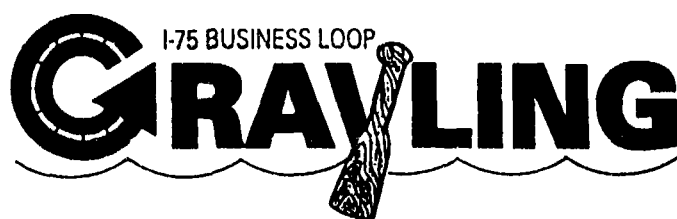
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Grayling skiers win three meets, drop one

The GHS Boys Ski Team continued to win in Central Alpine Ski Conference (CASC) ski meets with victories over Clare and Farwell. The Girls Team defeated Farwell and lost to Clare on Thursday, January 14, at Silver Ridge in Farwell.

Colin Hunter and Ray Trudgeon won the slalom and giant slalom events to pace the Vikings in double victories.

"The Vikes again skied very tough as a team," said Coach Mike Wieland.

The Vikings beat Clare 21-54 and Farwell 21-56.

Eric Thompson placed 2nd in both slalom and giant slalom against Clare and Farwell; Trudgeon was 1st in giant slalom and 3rd in the slalom event in both meets.

Hunter won the slalom event and placed 4th in giant slalom; Matt Ginther placed 3rd in giant slalom against both teams and was 8th and 11th in the giant slalom event.

Derek Quick placed 5th in slalom against both teams and was 12th in giant slalom; Josh Mueller placed 6th in slalom, and Jason Boreo took 11th in giant slalom.

The GHS Girls Team was led by

Brooke Ginther and Katie Olson. Ginther placed 1st in slalom against Farwell and 2nd against Clare. Olson was 1st in giant slalom against both schools. Ginther placed 3rd in giant slalom against Farwell and 6th against Clare. Olson was 2nd in slalom against Farwell and 3rd against Clare.

Kim Hartman placed 3rd in slalom and 2nd in giant slalom against Farwell and 5th in both races against Clare.

Kelly Jansen placed 6th and 7th in slalom and giant slalom against Farwell and 8th and 9th against Clare to finish the Viking scoring.

Team scores were Grayling 25, Farwell 47. Against Clare the girls tied in slalom at 18 points each, but lost the giant slalom 21-16 and the meet 39-34.

The Viking skiers didn't fare as well at Crystal Mountain as they did at Silver Ridge.

Both the boys and girls teams finished fourth in the five-team meet. Glen Lake, Manistee and Charlevoix

all finished ahead of the Vikings.

Olson led the lady Vikes, placing 8th in slalom and 3rd in giant slalom. Hartman was 15th in both races. Ginther was 18th in slalom and 16th in giant slalom, and Jansen placed 17th and 19th in the 26-girl field.

The Viking boys were only two points out of second after giant slalom, then crashed three boys in the slalom event to drop them into 4th.

The top Grayling skier in the meet was Thompson, who placed 7th in slalom and 12th in giant slalom out of 30 boys.

Hunter was 11th in both races; Trudgeon was 7th in giant slalom and fell in slalom, placing 24th.

Matt Ginther placed 18th in slalom and 15th in giant slalom. Quick was 26th in slalom and 25th in giant slalom. Boreo placed 17th in giant slalom and Mueller was 19th in slalom.

The Vikings will travel to Sylvan on Wednesday, January 27, for the Gaylord Invitational.

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BROOKE GINTHER

Brooke led the Vikings in slalom in league meets against Farwell and Clare last Thursday at Silver Ridge.

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Viking of the Week



Skiing
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RAY TRUDGEON

Ray led the Vikings in giant slalom in all three of the meets last week, placing 1st twice and 7th in the 5-way meet at Crystal Mountain.

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Varsity Basketball loses two close games by one

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GHS Varsity Basketball Team lost both of its games last week by just one point.

On Tuesday, January 12, the team traveled to Bay City John Glenn, and lost by a score of 57-58.

"We had the opportunity to put this game away, but several miscues at the end cost us the game," said Coach Rich Moffit.

Nate Hinkle was the high scorer for Grayling with 33 points.

Brad Ritter had the most rebounds with eight, and Hinkle led the team in steals with five steals.

The Vikings suffered a similar fate

on Friday, January 15, with a 62-63 loss at Standish.

Coach Moffit said that free throws were a big factor in the loss, with Grayling hitting four of 10 down the stretch.

Eli Tobin led the Vikings in scoring with 18 points. David Hawkins added 16 points, and Hinkle put in 10.

"Our kids need to regroup morally from the last two losses," said Moffit.

GHS will head to West Branch on Tuesday, January 26. The Vikings will return to GHS for a home game against Gladwin on Friday, January 29.



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TIME OUT -- The Vikings huddle up and take a breather.

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Viking Wrestlers beat Houghton Lake

The Grayling High School Wrestling Team hosted a dual meet with Houghton Lake and Roscommon on Wednesday, January 13.

Grayling beat Houghton Lake by

a score of 46-37, but fell to Roscommon 35-45.

Scoring points for Grayling were Matt Evon, Josh Niederer, Andy Palmer, Larry Baker, Marc Weaver, Mark Kiefer, Chris Peters,

Victor CdeBaca and Jason Dasho.

The tourney was Grayling's first home meet of the '98-99 season.

On Saturday, January 16, Grayling traveled to Ithaca for the Ithaca Invitational, which had 18

participating schools.

Taking 1st place medals for GHS were Evon and Niederer. Peters took a third place medal. Also scoring points for Grayling were Baker, Ray Pyle, CdeBaca and Weaver.

The Vikings took 6th place overall at the Ithaca tournament.

The Grayling wrestlers will head to Oscoda on Thursday, January 21, to take on Oscoda and West Branch Ogemaw Heights.

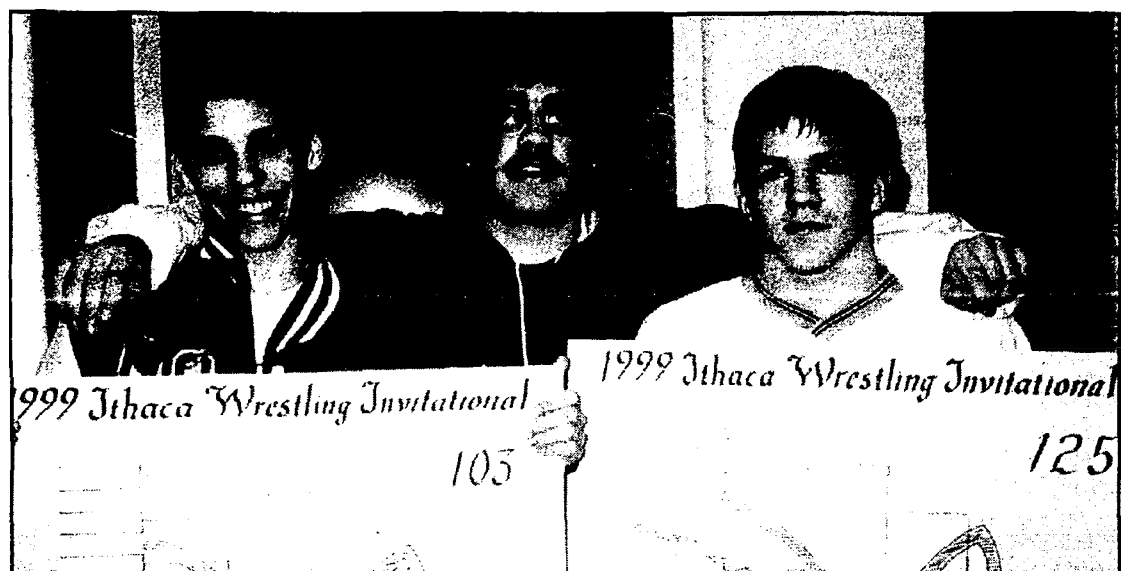


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1ST PLACE WRESTLERS -- (left) Matt Evon and (right) Josh Niederer display their Ithaca Invitational tournament brackets, with (middle) teammate Chris Peters. Evon and Niederer both took first place at Ithaca.

7th grade 'Green' beats Rosco in OT

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GMS 7th grade Boys Basketball "Green" Team won a close one in overtime on Wednesday, January 13, beating the Roscommon Bucks by a score of 41-39.

Chad Helsel led the Viking scor-

ing with 13 points. Roy Czapek and Sean Kelly each put in eight points.

"The team played real well in their first overtime win," said Coach Mark Hartman. "One of the key factors in the victory was free throws. They shot about 56 percent from the line."

"The team stayed focused in the

overtime win with some good defense and some key shots down the stretch," added Hartman.

The "Green" team has now won three in a row, improving its record to 3-3 for the season.

The 7th graders will host Houghton Lake on Thursday, January 21, beginning at 5 p.m.

Grayling Middle School 8th graders lose to Roscommon

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling Middle School 8th grade Boys Basketball Team lost to Roscommon on Wednesday, January 13, by a final score of 36-19.

"The team showed 100 percent improvement over the last meeting," said Coach Dan Feldhauser. "They handled the pressure well and shut down some of their best players."

"Again, we struggled shooting," continued Coach Feldhauser. "We probably missed 10 wide open shots. The offense moved the ball, but the shots wouldn't drop."

Adam Kaiser led the Grayling scoring with 14 points. James Kenney was the top rebounder with four, and Kaiser had the most steals with three.

The GMS 8th grade "Green" and "White" teams have merged into one team due to lack of players.

The team has a few road games coming up, including stops at Houghton Lake and Kalkaska.

On Monday, January 25, the 8th graders will host Gaylord. Game time is 5 p.m.

7th grade 'White' loses first of season, 31-34

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling Middle School 7th grade Boys Basketball "White" Team lost a close one to the Roscommon Bucks on Wednesday, January 13, by a final score of 31-34.

The loss was the team's first of the year.

"Roscommon played tough with a full court press causing turnovers," said Coach Phil Trudgeon. "(But) the Vikings came back in the second half, scor-

ing 23 points."

Joe Lange led the Grayling team in scoring with 13. Chris Riggs added seven, and Joe Zelek and Greg Morrill each put in four points.

"Joe Lange played an excellent game on both ends," added Coach Trudgeon. "Chris Riggs rebounded well, (and is) improving every game."

The 7th graders will host Houghton Lake on Thursday, January 21, and Kalkaska on Monday, January 25.

Wendy's

Viking of the Week

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Marc won his two matches at home last Wednesday and took 6th at the Ithaca Invitational meet on Saturday.

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• Sat & Sun. 2, 4:30

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• Sat & Sun. 2 & 4:15

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BOWLING LEAGUE

Pioneer League	
Custom Interior	10 - 2
Avalanche	7.5 - 4.5
Aunt Betty's	7 - 5
Mercy Hospital	6 - 6
Ginger's	5.5 - 6.5
Chemical Bank	4.5 - 7.5
Millikin's	4 - 8
Lady Slippers	3.5 - 8.5
High Game: J. Hinds, 216; B. Lozon, 204; C. Jones, 200.	
High Series: J. Hinds, 567; J. Coors, 518; K. Moshier, 502.	
Recreation League	
Peterson Saw Service	16 - 4
Fun - N - Sun Rental	12 - 8
Mark 8	11 - 9
Scheer Motors	11 - 9
Glen's Market	10 - 10
Cornell	10 - 12
Gray Rock Cafe	6 - 14
Mickey Perez CPA	6 - 14
High Game: A. Mastej, 219; P. Everson, 192; S. Noeske, 186.	
High Series: A. Mastej, 533; B.	

American Men's	
Wheeler, 497; K. Schneider, 486.	
Forrest Bros.	17 - 4
Joel's Team	12 - 9
Moore's Auto	12 - 9
Gaylord Ford	11 - 10
Upper Lakes	10 - 11
McLean's Ace	9 - 12
Stitches by Sue	9 - 12
Fenton's Auto	4 - 17
High Game: B. Hurd, 267; L. Davis, Jr, 254; P. Faustman, 246.	
High Series: T. Kotrash, 670; P. Faustman, 656; J. Helsel, 654.	
Triangle	
Barber Const.	12 - 4
C.S.I. Ind. Sys.	11 - 5
Airway Auto	9 - 7
Sumner	8.5 - 7.5
Moshier Auto	6.5 - 9.5
Johnson	1 - 15
High Game: T. Everly, 219; J. Robideau, 216; T. Everly, 211.	
High Series: T. Everly, 614; M. Campbell, 562; J. Robideau, 550.	
Sunday Night Mixed	
McDonald's of Gaylord	15 - 1
McDonald's	11 - 5
Waste Management	8 - 8
Custom Interiors	7.5 - 8.5
Us & Them	7 - 9
Citgo	7 - 9
R&M Masonry	4.5 - 11.5
Wakeley's Auto Parts	4 - 12
Men's High Game: B. Nielson,	

National First	
Swamp II	7 - 0
Century 21	7 - 0
Gun's & Grub's	5 - 2
Forrest Brothers	4 - 3
Hellebuyck Masonry	3 - 4
Faustman's Insurance	2 - 5
Northern White Tail	0 - 7
Grayling Ford	0 - 7
High Game: P. Miller, 251; A. Angove, 235; B. Palmer, 223.	
High Series: P. Miller, 673; A. Angove, 667; C. Brill, 662.	
Friday Mixed Double	
Charlie's Country Corner	9 - 3
Moshier Auto Repair	7.5 - 4.5
Hilltop Manor HCC	7 - 5
Just Us	6.5 - 5.5
Sawmill	6 - 6
Fick & Sons	5 - 7
Aunt Betty's	4 - 8
R. Calkins & Sons	3 - 9
High Game Men: A. Angove, 242; J. Campbell, 215; R. Moshier, 206.	
High Series Men: A. Angove, 620; R. Moshier, 582; L. Helsel, 568.	

High Game Women: S. Phillips, 199; S. Rioux, 185; S. Sumner, 176.	
High Series Women: S. Rioux, 515; K. Moshier, 477; S. Phillips, 469.	
Northwood	
Rich's Cycle Service	8 - 4
R & M Masonry	8 - 4
R. Calkins & Sons	7 - 5
Millikin's	7 - 5
Rochette's	6 - 6
Darrell's Roofing	6 - 6
Shady Acres Party Store	4 - 8
Milltown Chiropractic	2 - 10
High Game: J. Hinds, 190 and 187; K. Schmidt, 185.	
High Series: J. Hinds, 535; L. Dannenberg, 498; K. Schmidt, 496.	
Senior Citizen League	
Sylvester's Sports	38.5 - 29.5
Totten's Body Shop	36 - 32
Cornell Realty	36 - 32
Tees 'N' Such 'R' Us	35 - 33
Flowers By Josie	35 - 33
Baynham Forest Products	32.5 - 35.5
Buccilli's Pizza	31 - 37
Stevens Family Circle	28 - 40
Men's High Game: G. Wolfe, 191; A. Smith, 187; C. Babbitt, 181.	
Men's High Series: G. Wolfe, 509; O. Brantley, 480; A. Smith, 479.	
Women's High Game: D. Brantley and B. Barrett, 178; A. Roman, 168.	
Women's High Series: D. Brantley, 441; D. Mead, 438; B. Barrett, 437.	

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings	
Sawmill II	137
Plaza	112
Legion	107
Spikes	104
Frederic Inn	100
Sawmill	84
Five Ball Run: Patsey P., Sandy P. and Kathy M.	
Won all games: Patsey P. and Barb M. of the Sawmill II.	
Men's Standings	
Frederic Inn	26 - 10
Legion	24 - 12
Red Barn	22 - 14
Tadpoles	22 - 14
Riverside	20 - 16
Red Barn II	19 - 17
Plaza	6 - 30
Frogies	5 - 31
8 Ball Run on Break: Frank and Tom R. of Riverside.	
8 Ball Run: Ken and Kelly of Tadpoles; Mike of Red Barn.	
7 Ball Run: Roger of Red Barn II.	
Won all games: Jason and Jim. and Duane and Kelly of Tadpoles.	

Beaver Creek ski challenge to benefit Hospice

The 19th Annual Beaver Creek Challenge Cross Country Ski Race to benefit Hospice of Michigan and the Higgins Lake/Roscommon Lions Club will take place Sunday, February 7 at the North Higgins Lake State Park in Roscommon.

This community tradition has been bringing fun and exercise to racers and families from all over the state. The Michigan Cup Committee called the Beaver Creek Challenge "an excellent family race" and "the best kids' race in Michigan."

Joined by the Beaver himself, the race is meant to promote community spirit.

Registration for the Beaver Creek Challenge Race begins at 10:30 a.m., with the 2km Junior Race starting at 12 noon. The 6km Adult Race begins at 12:30 p.m. and the 12km Adult Race begins at 1 p.m.

The 6km race is a Junior Michigan Cup Series Race, but all ages can enter.

The registration fee is \$3 for the

2km race and \$20 for the 6km and 12km races on or before January 30. Late registration is \$25 for the 6km and 12km races. All pre-registered adult entrants are guaranteed a T-shirt when registering prior to January 30.

For a registration form or more information, please call Bob Frye at Cross Country Ski Headquarters in Higgins Lake at (517) 821-6661 or Cindy Witkowski at Hospice of Michigan in Roscommon at (517) 275-8967 or 1-800-449-5560.

After the race, and new this year, is the Ski for Hospice, a non-competitive ski to help raise funds for Hospice. It's a chance for families of all ages to take advantage of the course at a relaxed pace, plus enjoy the beautiful winter scenery.

There is no entry fee for the Ski for Hospice, but a \$10 donation per skier is suggested. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. and prizes will be awarded for the Largest Team, Team Raising the Most Money, and Individual Raising the Most Money. For a registration form or more information on this charity race, please call Cindy Witkowski at Hospice.

Hospice of Michigan is a non-profit organization that provides care for people with terminal illness at home or in a home-like setting.



Photo courtesy of Hospice of Michigan

SKI CHALLENGE FOR HOSPICE - The 19th Annual Beaver Creek Challenge Cross Country Ski Race and Ski For Hospice takes place on February 7. Skiers must pre-register by January 30. Races for all age groups are planned.

MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Game #1 - Holiday Inn 51 - Spikes 50.	
Holiday Inn: Hamlin, 21. Spikes: Krey, 13; Thompson, 12.	
Game #2 - Thermogas 72 - Weyerhaeuser 66.	
Thermogas: Blanchard, 21; Patterson, 20; Church, 18. Weyerhaeuser: Trenary, 24; Keene, 14; Hull, 11.	
Game #3 - Sawmill 75 - Glens Market 66.	
Sawmill: Annis, 23; T. Doremire, 16; M. Doremire, 11; Fortino, 11. Glens Market: T. Freeman, 19; Grant, 14; P. Freeman, 13.	
Game #4 - Lange Vending 73 -	

Standings after week #4:	
Thermogas	4 - 0
Lange Vending	3 - 1
Weyerhaeuser	2 - 2
Spikes	2 - 2
Holiday Inn	2 - 2
Sawmill	2 - 2
Glens Market	1 - 3
Charles Plumbing & Htg	0 - 4
High scorer for week #4 was Brad Trenary with 24 points.	

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LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS MEETING HELD ON THE 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1998 GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:30 P.M.
 II. Members Present: Stevens, Golinick, Ruddy, Brown, Palmer. Members Absent: None. Also in Attendance: Jerry Morford, City Manager, Terry McGregor, Fay Bovee, Bob Bovee, Mike Greer, 2 Students, Dennis Palmer, Skylynn Palmer, Caleb Casey.

III. 98-92
 Moved by Brown, supported by Ruddy that the minutes of the meeting of November 30, 1998 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion presented, carried.

IV. Public Hearing. None.
 V. Communications were received and noted.

a. City Commission update as of January 1, 1999.

b. Minutes of the Grayling Housing Commission for the November 30, 1998 meeting.

c. Letter of thanks from Christian Help Center to City Manager Morford and D.P.W. crew for fast action in removal of a large spruce stump from a tree which recently blew down.

VI. Old Business. None.

VII. New Business.

a. 1998 Audit Report presentation by Hill, Schroderus & Co. Mr. Mike Greer presented the audit report and answered City Council questions regarding same.

Mike also advised Council members that they should feel free to call the City Treasurer, City Manager or his firm directly if they have further questions after they have studied the audit in more detail.

b. Mr. Greer presented City Council with a proposal first proposed on June 24, 1997 for a two year extension of the current audit contract to cover June 1999 and the June 2000. The proposal is to provide the same services as the current contract for \$9,900.00 for each of the two years. Council asked questions regarding such extension.

98-93

Moved by Golinick, supported by Brown to accept the contract extension for 1999 and 2000 as proposed and to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Hill, Schroderus for said two year extension with a fee of \$9,900.00 per year for each of the two years. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

c. Engineering bill for 1999 Sidewalk program work by Richards & Associates was presented by Mr. Morford in the amount of \$7,402.63.

Ms. Palmer asked about sidewalks between the Legion and Rite Aid not being on the list of sidewalks for this project. City Manager will meet Wednesday with State Highway Dept.

Mr. Bovee asked which sidewalks were going to be done. Mr. Morford said he would be glad to review the list with them at any time.

98-94

Moved by Ruddy, supported by Stevens to approve Richards and Associates bill in the amount of \$7,402.63 for 1999 Sidewalk program and authorize the City Manager and City Treasurer to pay said bill from Income Tax proceeds. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

d. City Investment Policy. The City Treasurer and City Manager presented a Proposed Investment Policy for City Funds for Council approval. This policy is needed to comply with State and Federal law and has been reviewed by City Auditors. The policy must be approved by January 1, 1999.

98-95

Moved by Brown, supported by Golinick to adopt City Investment policy as presented by the City Treasurer and City Manager and to implement same on or before January 1, 1999 (see attached policy). Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

VIII. Citizens who wish to speak. None.

IX. Reports of City Manager. The City Manager reported on the following.

a. Revenue Sharing Formula approved by State Legislature.

b. 1999 Sidewalk Program Schedule.

c. Elmwood Cemetery recommendations. Presented to Council Members for Agenda in January.

d. Water & Sewer Rate Study Data. Presented to Council for Agenda in January. Encouraged members to call office with questions. Council ask several questions which the City Manager answered.

X. Reports of Council Members.

a. Mr. Ruddy and other members of the Council wished all a Merry Christmas.

XI. Adjournment.
 98-96

Moved by Stevens, supported by Golinick that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

SYNOPSIS

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Regular Board Meeting of

December 22, 1998

The Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting was called to order by Chairman John Hartman at 9:07 a.m. in the Crawford County Building on December 22, 1998.

Roll Call: Hartman, Smock, Long, Black, Corlew and Bretzke present. Absent: none. County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Sandra Moore present.

County Controller, Paul Compo present. There were also other visitors present.

Approved the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of December 8, 1998 as presented.

Accepted the Correspondence as presented.

Approved the Ways & Means Committee Report and payment of the following vouchers: General Fund Balance in the amount of \$90,867.57, Environmental Control Fund \$123.43, Commissioners Per Diem: Black \$128 Per Diem, and \$48.38 Mileage; Bretzke \$128 Per Diem, and \$61.95 Mileage; Corlew \$158 Per Diem, and no Mileage; Hartman \$64 per Diem, and \$35.40 Mileage; Long \$96 Per Diem, and no Mileage; Smock \$128 Per Diem, and no Mileage.

Entered correspondence as presented.

Accepted into a closed session to discuss pending litigation/strategy with Counsel (9:30 a.m.).

Returned back to regular session (9:35 a.m.). Accepted the 1998 Audit Report as presented by CPA Marvin Henderson.

Extended the current audit agreement contract with Anderson, Tackman and Company for one year.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Register of Deeds

SYNOPSIS

BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting

January 11, 1999

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Supervisor. Board members present: Riley, Mobarak, Balmes and Hartman. Absent: McDonough. There were five guests present.

Motion by Mobarak to accept minutes to meeting of 12/14/98 regular meeting. Seconded and carried.

Motion by Mobarak to accept Treasurers report as presented. Seconded and carried.

Reports were given by Supervisor and Fire Chief regarding Fire Department, DPW and Planning and Zoning.

Seven pieces of correspondence were accepted.

Old Business:

1. Motion by Riley to reappoint present Board of Review members. Those being Mary Harland, Joanne Shively and Gary Summers. Seconded and carried.

2. Supervisor is working on letters regarding King Road.

3. Discussion regarding BS&A software with decision to do nothing at this time.

4. Discussion regarding purchase of new computers with decision to be made at next meeting.

5. Special meeting 1/13/99 on Master Plan.

6. Mobarak moves to rescind motion of last month stating that township offices would be closed on Friday before Independence Day. Seconded and carried. Mobarak moves that township offices be closed on Monday, July 5, 1999. Seconded and carried.

New Business:

1. Motion by Mobarak that we sign NEM-COG Shared Agreement they requested. Seconded and carried.

2. Decision will be made at next meeting regarding township insurance bids.

3. Motion by Mobarak to pay AP bills. Seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.
 Sharon Hartman, Clerk

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by

Dawn M. Stoddard, a married woman and Kenneth Stoddard (original mortgagors) to Capstone Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated May 29, 1997, and recorded on July 30, 1997 in Liber 434, on Page 322, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagors to The Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee of the Access Financial Mortgage Loan Trust 1997-3, also known as The Chase Manhattan Bank, as custodian or trustee under the applicable custodial or trust agreement, as assignee by an assignment dated June 3, 1997 which was recorded on March 18, 1998, in Liber 442, on Page 268 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX AND 91/100 DOLLARS (\$62,366.91), including interest at 11.125% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage interest may change 6/1 and 12/1 of each year.

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Dated January 21, 1999

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at 7.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the Court Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 1999.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 4 and 6 feet of vacated alley. Block 2, MARTHA M. BARKES SECOND ADDITION to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 29, Crawford County Records. Tax ID #20-070-132-002-004-00.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 5, 1999

Midwest Mortgage, Inc. Mortgagee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.

30300 Northwestern Highway, Suite 222

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334

-14-21-28-4-11

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by

Julie A. RYHER, an unmarried woman (original mortgagors) to AAA Mortgage & Financial Corporation, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 27, 1996, and recorded on January 28, 1997 in Liber 424, on Page 433, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagors to the CONTIMORTGAGE CORPORATION, as assignee by an assignment dated November 27, 1996 which was recorded on May 27, 1997, in Liber 430, on Page 418-419, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO AND 90/100 DOLLARS (\$102,952.90), including interest at 13.650% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m. on February 3, 1999.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot Numbered 146, AuSable Woods No. 4, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 33, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 24, 1998

CONTIMORTGAGE CORPORATION

FOR INFORMATION PLEASE

CALL: (248) 642-4202

Trott and Trott, P.C.

Attorneys for CONTIMORTGAGE CORPORATION

30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 981211707
 PROPERTY ADDRESS
 3090 Palmer Place
 Grayling, MI 49738

-24-31-7-14-21

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made by TIMOTHY J. MINNICK and DOROTHY L. HARRIS, as Mortgagors, to the CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, as Mortgagee, on a Mortgage dated April 20, 1994 and recorded on April 20, 1994 at Liber 376, Pages 260-261 of the Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid as of December 23, 1998 the sum of \$17,260.50 in principal and interest; no legal or equitable proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by the Mortgage, and the power of sale in the Mortgage contained having become operative by reason of the default;

Notice is now given that on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1999 AT 11 A.M. at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the Mortgage, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorneys fee as provided by law and in the Mortgage, the land and premises mentioned and described in the Mortgage as follows:

Northeast 1/2 of Lots 1 and 2, Block 9, Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of the sale (MSA 23A.3240(4)). Property may be redeemed by paying the amount of the bid at the foreclosure sale plus interest and any unpaid encumbrances on the property from date of sale.

Date: 12/22/98

David R. Sabin, P.C.

Attorney for the Crawford County Housing Rehabilitation and Community Development Commission

115 Michigan Avenue

Grayling, Michigan 49738

(517) 348-5588

-31-7-14-21

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES)

MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lisa Marie Gillett and Timothy James Gillett, her husband to First Finance.

Mortgagors, dated March 31, 1998 and recorded on April 7, 1998 in Liber 451 on page 33 Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Bankers Trust Company of, California, NA as, Custodian or Trustee by an assignment dated April 6, 1998, and recorded on October 20, 1998 in Liber 465, on page 591 Crawford County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN AND 52/100 Dollars (\$66,787.52), including interest at 11.950% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10 o'clock a.m. on February 10, 1999.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: LOT 3 AND THE SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 4, RED PINE ACRES, TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRANCH, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN. ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 03 OF PLATS, PAGE 07, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 30, 1998

Bankers Trust Company of, California, NA as, Custodian or Trustee of Mortgagee

Frederick A. Petz, Esq.

PETZ & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

20902 Mack

Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

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GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that on January 13, 1999, the Grayling Township Board adopted an amendment to Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance 92-2 as amended by Ordinance 98-1 to be known as Ordinance 99-1. The amendment follows and becomes effective February 19, 1999.

Ordinance 99-1 reduces the buffer zone specified in Section 35.4D from 1320 feet to 100 feet.

Ordinance 99-1 also establishes setbacks consistent with the Planned Industrial and Planned Commercial Districts consistent with building setbacks of other Industrial and Commercial Zones within Grayling Township.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
 Grayling Township Clerk

Crawford County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Schedule 1999 Third Wednesday Each Month at 9:30 a.m.

January 20	July 21
February 17	August 18
March 17	September 15
April 21	October 20
May 19	November 17
June 16	December 15

Crawford County Board of Commissioners Law Enforcement, Personnel & Labor, Ways & Mean Regular Meeting Schedule 1999 at 2:00 p.m.

January 11	July 15
February 14	August 12
March 11	September 09
April 15	October 12
May 13	November 14
June 10	December 09

Notice is hereby given for the Crawford County Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule.

Sandra Moore
 County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds

-14-21

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting commencing at 10:30 p.m.) on Thursday, February 4, 1999, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648 for the following item.

FOR ONE (1) 5TH WHEEL TANDEM TRACTOR 56,000# GVWR

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Road Commission for Crawford County at the above address.

Submit bids in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked with the words "5th Wheel Truck Bid." The Road Commission for Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications, and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

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FOR ONE (1) TANDEM AXLE TRUCK 56,000# GVWR

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Submit bids in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked with the words "Tandem Axle Truck Bid." The Road Commission for Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications, and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

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FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of January 24-30

ARIES March 21-April 20

Get away from the everyday grind. Whether it's a day away from responsibilities or just a lunch break, it's what you need to put everything in perspective. A great opportunity may be headed your way, but you must use your head.

TAURUS April 21-May 21

It's time for you to take steps to become more assertive. There's a person who has been taking advantage of your good nature. Put your foot down and don't allow it anymore. Some assertiveness on the home front will be a big plus, too.

GEMINI May 22-June 21

Thursday may just be your lucky day this week. Remember that life is not all work and no play, so do something enjoyable with your family or a group of friends. Don't forget about the promise you made to someone who is close to you.

CANCER June 22-July 22

Life is getting really hectic, and it shows in your attitude to the people around you. Don't be so hard on the people you work with or your friends. Whatever you do, don't take work and its problems home with you. Lighten up and try to be happy.

LEO July 23-August 23

Take a new look at your life this week. You need to make some changes. It could be as simple as a new hairstyle, suit or outfit. But maybe it means you need a big change, like a new job or place to live. Remember, be open-minded.

VIRGO August 24-September 22

This week, put work on the back burner. It's time to concentrate on your love life. You can work out the problems with the one you really care about, even though they may seem insurmountable. You'll both have to learn to give and take more.

LIBRA September 23-October 23

You will have a lot of issues to deal with this week. It won't be easy. But there is someone who will help you if you are in over your head. You may want to try cutting your problems down to smaller ones so you can deal with them better.

SCORPIO October 24-November 22

Be aware of a new person in your life. What may seem really great may in the end be too good to be true. Don't depend on someone else's opinion in this case, either. There's a young person in your life who needs your help and support.

SAGITTARIUS November 23-December 21

Improve yourself. You could take a class or a workshop to gain knowledge or learn a new hobby. You could also volunteer to help people in need. Whatever you choose, you'll gain a new perspective and respect, too.

CAPRICORN December 22-January 20

Plan a dinner or party for a friend's special day. When you make up the guest list, don't leave someone out who could really be hurt by it. Double-check your bank account mid-week. A problem at the bank could mean a mix-up with your account.

AQUARIUS January 21-February 18

Don't give up on a friend or family member this week when things get rough. Your help and confidence will make all the difference in his/her life. Set aside some cash for a problem that may arise at home. You'll be glad you did.

PISCES February 19-March 20

A situation will arise that you may misinterpret. Try to get all the facts before you say anything. Don't jump to conclusions because you may end up looking bad. Take care of some business that has been hanging on for too long.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

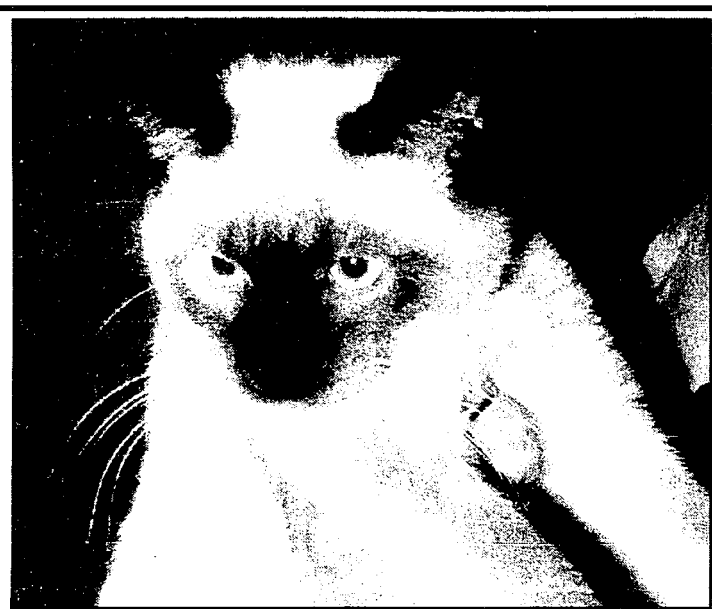
CHOCOLATE CHERRY CHEESECAKE

1 1/2 cups chocolate cookie crumbs
3 Tbsp. butter or margarine, melted
2 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
2 1/2 cup sugar
3 eggs
2 cups (12 oz.) semisweet chocolate chips, melted
1 cup heavy cream
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 can (21 oz.) cherry fruit filling
Whipped topping

1. Preheat oven to 350°.

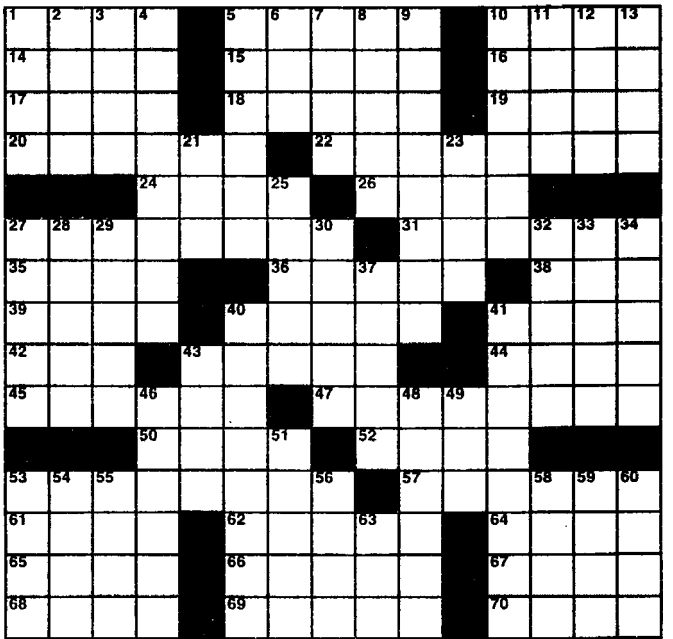
2. Combine crumbs and butter; press firmly on bottom of 9" springform pan.
3. In large mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well. Add melted chocolate chips, cream and vanilla; beat well. Pour into prepared pan. 4. Bake 55 minutes, or until center is set. Cool; chill. Top with cherry fruit filling before serving and garnish with whipped topping.

Makes: 8-12 servings
Prep time: 15 minutes
Bake time: 55 minutes



HOME NEEDED - This chocolate point siamese male is 6 to 8 months old. He is very friendly and playful. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

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ACROSS

1. A way to fasten
5. American Standard Code for Information Interchange: abbr.
10. Hyperbolic cosecant: abbr.
14. Phil ____, former CIA
15. Cause to lose courage
16. Away from wind
17. Be in a huff
18. Gore plant
19. Frogs' residences, with "lily"
20. A salt of any halogen acid
22. Wood-eating insects
24. An aromatic ointment used in antiquity
26. Stretched tight
27. The part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline
31. Draws over
35. Bird genus
36. Karel ____, Czech writer
38. A fabric woven from goat and camel hair
39. Unique
40. Mackerels
41. Organic compound
42. Dined
43. West German town
44. Not one
45. Pertaining to the skin

DOWN

47. The characteristic of being alike; similarity
50. Poems
52. Take back
53. Fixed
57. A rectangular groove made to hold two pieces together
61. Ardour
62. A citizen of Iran
64. Chinese dynasty
65. Competent
66. Type of card used by psychics
67. Root of taro plant
68. A female housekeeper
69. Masses of matter
70. A piece of furniture with a writing surface and usually drawers or other compartments
11. Narrow strip
12. Give over; surrender possession
13. Rudolph ____, war criminal
21. Dash, in Morse code
23. Fog
25. Cyprinids
27. Capacitance unit
28. Speak
29. More unique
30. "Who ____, to cross my path?"
32. Slender boat with pointed ends
33. Black
34. Clearances
37. Type of white bear that lives in the cold
40. Speed
41. In a way, honored
43. Oasis (Arabic)
46. Groaned
48. Deservings
49. Environmental Protection Agency
51. Coal formation
53. Unit of measurement for paper
54. Italian island
55. Pakrit language
56. Truth or ____
58. A way to stay in one place
59. James ____, American steam engineer
60. Seized
63. ____ de plume

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 YEARS AGO January 22, 1976

Bear announces 42¢ wage pack. Bear management states that since it has always been the policy of the company to assess its wage and fringe benefit position at the first of each year, they have again made a careful study of their position in this matter. 1. There will be a 33 cent per hour wage increase which will include Christmas bonus that has been enjoyed over the past several years. 2. There will be an increase in the pension from \$3.50 per month to \$4.40 per month benefit. 3. There will be an improvement in our coverage under the group medical plan.

On January 16th there was 16.5" of snow recorded on the ground, which was the highest amount so far this year.

Due to Michigan's new Automotive Mechanic's License Legislation, Kirtland Community College has experienced an unprecedented demand for classes in Automotive Service Procedures. Kirtland's Dean of Instruction, Garnet Stewart, has announced that, in order to meet this demand, a special weekend class in Auto Service Procedures I will be offered this winter semester.

William R. "Bill" Stewart, well-known design and manufacturing leader in the archery industry for more than 25 years will rejoin Bear Archery Management according to an announcement here today by Robert F. Kelly, Executive Vice President of the Grayling based firm.

Christopher Golnick is spending a 10 day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Golnick, after finishing Marine Boot Camp at Parris Island, S. Carolina.

A son, Randy Edward, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Helsel of Grayling on January 17. He weighed 7lbs. 9 oz.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mills of Grayling on January 14, a son, Kristopher Nathan, weighing 7 lbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Beck of Grayling are happy over the arrival

of a daughter, Joanne Marie, on January 16, weighing 7 lbs 10 oz. It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. James Walker of Roscommon. Christopher Lee was born on January 16 and weighed 9 lbs. 4 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sheppard of Roscommon announced the arrival of a daughter, Amy Lynn on January 16, weighing 7 lbs 8 oz.

The engagement of Rita Duffy of Grayling and Richard Millikin, also if Grayling, is announced. She is the daughter of John Duffy of Bay City and the late Bertha Duffy; Richard's parents are Mr. and Mrs. William Jack Millikin of Grayling.

46 Years Ago January 22, 1953

The Grayling Post Office expects to be moved to a first class postal office as of July 1, 1953 due to the total receipts piled up during the calendar year 1952, it was revealed this week by Grayling Postmaster James Post.

Postal laws and regulations call for a post office to be moved up to first class status when it's total receipts for a calendar year exceed \$40,000. The Grayling offices' 1952 receipts amounted to \$41,498.56.

Against a background of snowladen trees in Crawford County's winter wonderland, Miss Shirley Kolka, brown-haired Grayling High School senior was crowned Miss Grayling Winter Sports Queen of 1953 in ceremonies at the Grayling Winter Sports Park Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Miss Kolka received her crown from Robert Dodge, of Roscommon, regional parks supervisor of the Michigan Conservation Department.

Michigan's deer herd has still not gone into winter quarters, as the conservation department reports continued mild weather in both the upper peninsula and northern lower peninsula.

With the 28th Infantry Div. in Germany - Pvt. Jim L. McClain Sr., Grayling, MI is now serving with the 28th Infantry Division.

Miss Carole Ann Gross the

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gross, was eight years old January 7. To celebrate the occasion she was hostess to four boys and four girls at 5 p.m. dinner party on that day. Of course there was birthday cake and Carole received many nice gifts.

Rex Hunter, son of Mrs. Matilda Hunter, and George Kessler, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Jerome Kessler, both stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas are leaving for home this week to spend a 10 day furloughs with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Carlson of St. Louis have purchased the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Galehouse on Lake St.

69 Years Ago January 23, 1930

Sheriff Bobenmoyer is spending a few days in Bay City on business having left Wednesday afternoon.

Nels Olson was honored Tuesday evening on his birthday anniversary when thirteen young people responded to the invitation of his mother, Mrs. Esbern Olson to come to their home.

The William Samson family has moved into the Peter Schmidt house north of the Temple theatre.

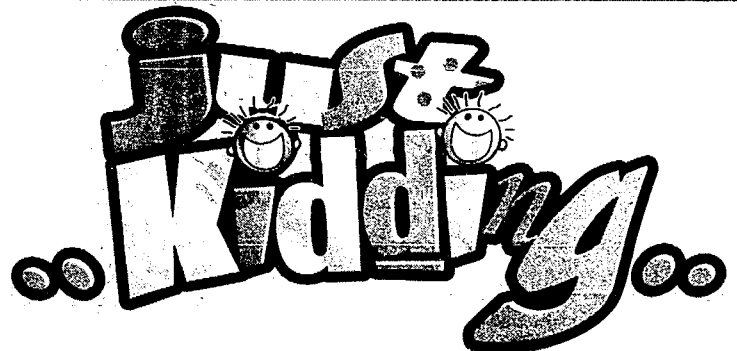
Our Gang Club met last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Nell Matthews. About twenty members were present. Mrs. Rudolph Feldhauser won the penny prize.

The good news has been received that Merman Hanson has successfully passed his last pharmacy examination in Grand Rapids.

92 Years Ago January 24, 1907

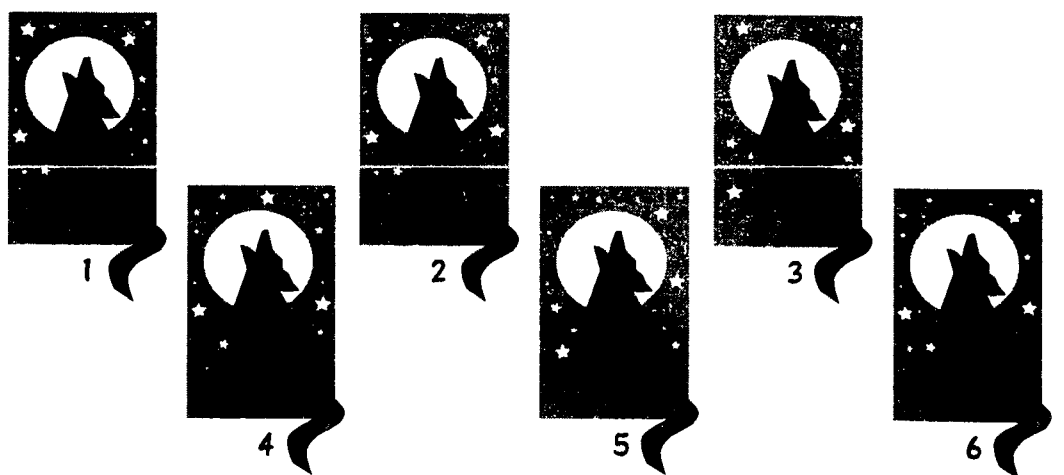
The mercury registered at 20 degrees below zero Wednesday morning.

Extremes met. Last Saturday the mercury registered at 48 degrees and a steady rain fell all day measuring over an inch. Sunday morning the mercury was down to 8 degrees and snow fell during the day to a depth of 14 inches with a terrific gale which piled in great drifts. Monday and Tuesday were ideal days, still and just cold enough to be bracing.



FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



Answer: Two and Six

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	H	L	Snow	On Ground	Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Thursday will have a chance of rain or snow with the high 35 to 40 and the low in the low 20's. Friday will have a chance of snow with the high 35 to 40 and the low in the lower 30's. Saturday will have a chance of rain or snow with the high in the mid to upper 30's and the low in the low to mid 20's.
1/13	11	-5	3"	26"	
1/14	6	-6		26"	
1/15	11	-7	.5"	26.5"	
1/16	23	-8	.5"	27"	
1/17	37	17		24"	
1/18	42	34		19"	
1/19	34	28	4"	21"	

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Crawford County Avalanche

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1. Real Estate

FOR SALE BY OWNER Newly remodeled two bedroom house with attached two plus car garage, on one acre in country, two miles north of Higgins Lake. Crawford AuSable Schools. \$59,900. (517) 275-4126 (-7-14-21-28/1)

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NEWLY CONSTRUCTED home with Lake Margrethe access. Features a great floor plan and plenty of extras. #4258 Call Century 21 River Country Real Estate at (517) 348-5474. www.century21grayling.com (-14-21/1)

1. Real Estate

AUSABLE RIVER #4242 Five bedroom home with stone fireplace, sauna, wet bar, and more; overlooks the AuSable River. Call Century 21 River Country Real Estate at (517) 348-5474. www.century21grayling.com (-14-21/1)

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2. For Rent

FOR RENT GETAWAY RETREAT Two bedroom Ausable River home, sleeps six. Week or weekend only. 348-7868, leave message. (6/25/98tf/2)

2. For Rent

MAKE ARBOR COURT APARTMENTS your new home. Large two bedroom apartments. Maximum income level of \$17,040. rent is based on income for two person household. A barrier free unit is also available. Call Michelle at 517-348-6399 for more information. Equal Housing Opportunity. Professionally managed by Kathy Richards, Inc. and financed by Rural Development (021502010) (3/19/98tf/2)

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT available Nov. 1st. High visibility, off street parking suitable for office or retail. Leave message at (517) 348-7868. (10/15/98tf/2)

FOR RENT Two bedroom apartments in town \$425 per month plus gas. References and security deposit. Call (517) 348-2473, leave message. (12/3/98tf/2)

2. For Rent

CABIN FOR RENT on the river. Nightly or weekly. 517-348-8350. (9/9/97tf/2)

2. For Rent

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME for rent. \$360 a month. Call Jayson (517) 348-7893. (-21-28/2)

2. For Rent

TWO BEDROOM TRAILER Mobile Home Estates, deposit, references, \$360 month, (517) 684-8707. (-14-21/2)

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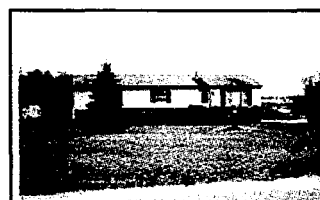
GRAYLING MOBILE ESTATES is the location of 4 new modulars. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, block foundation each on a nice lot. Ask about our rent - purchase program for qualified buyers. \$55,900 (LM-1024)



SPACIOUS HOME on 2.5 acres. Across the road from Old Rayburn property. Attached garage, plus 2 1/2 detached garage and appliances included. \$42,500 (JWMW - 1202)



THIS LARGE 3 bedroom home is only 400 ft. away from public access on Lake Margrethe, also large garage with finished upstairs that could be used for apartment or office. Includes wood stove, stove refrigerator, washer & dryer. \$109,000 (DL-1153)



THIS 3 BEDROOM RANCH located on 2+ acres is an ideal starter home. Features include fenced back yard, 24x28 garage, and large deck for those nice summer evenings. \$52,500 (1051-KJLJ)



501 ELM ST. City of Grayling, 2 bedroom home, 1 car garage on a corner lot. Rental income or live in it. Reduced \$34,900 (DL-1034)



NEWLY REMODELED 14x70 mobile on beautiful lot. Large kitchen with bay window. Mostly drywall, 6" insulated walls, track and spotlights. Internal stereo system. \$35,000 (JW-1015)



AUSABLE RIVER HOME City of Grayling, 2288 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, family room, 2 baths, custom cabinets and wood work throughout, vinyl siding, hotwater baseboard heat. 24x32 garage. Steps & Dock at the River. \$83,000 (MC-1002)



M-72 EAST IS THE LOCATION of this remodeled 3 bedroom home & 14x18 cabin on 2 1/2 acres. Includes stove & refrigerator. \$47,500 (DL-1125)



LOOKING FOR A SELLER willing to assist you with your closing costs? Consider this 3 bedroom ranch. Home features large living room with door-wall to patio overlooking half acre of wooded property. Natural gas heat, 1.5 baths, covered country porch facing a quiet neighborhood on a paved country road. Only blocks from the lake, yet close to town. Move right in \$68,300 (KM-1185)



SCOTT ST is the location of this 3 bedroom home. Located on a double lot, cyclone fence. Just out of city limits. Reduced to \$39,900 (DL-1036)



LARGE 4 BEDROOM HOME at 6713 Nottingham. This home offers over 2,000 sq. ft. with living area on two floors. Family room with wet bar, 2 baths, new lawn in 1997. New deck off kitchen with decking totally around 18x34 above ground pool. Attached heated/insulated 2 car garage. Great family home. \$92,000 (DM-1203)

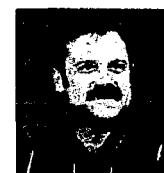


W. FLETCHER RD. This 4 bedroom home sits on 2.4 acres with 1344 sq. ft. plus attached 2 car garage, carport, new furnace, hot water heat and much more. Only 3 miles from Higgins Lake but Crawford County Schools. \$72,000 (DM-1213)

SALES TEAM



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Broker



Ducey LaMotte
Associate Realtor



Jayson & Michelle
Welsor
Associate Realtors



Fred Shippy
Associate Realtor



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& Kevin Jamison
Associate Realtor



Kim McClain
Associate Broker



Diann S. Murphy
Associate Realtor



Bonnie S. Odell
Associate Broker



Terry L. Vandecar
Associate Realtor



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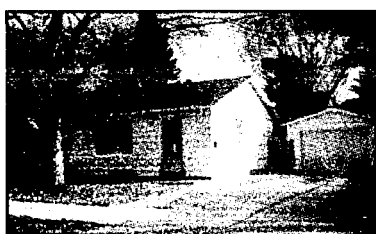
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10 WOODED ACRES, 175' AUABLE RIVER FRONTAGE - STATE LAND ACROSS RIVER. Tranquil setting 50' from water's edge. This home is nestled amongst red and white pines. 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, all appliances, completely furnished including pots and pans. Kitchen, living room and dining room recently remodeled with knotty pine walls and drywall ceiling with wood beams. New kitchen cabinets and pantry. Brick fireplace with insert. Beautiful view of river from great room! 2 walkout patio doors. Price Reduced \$139,500 CS-872



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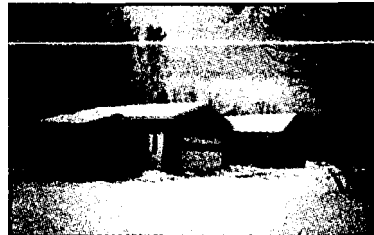
NEW CONSTRUCTION - IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY! Quality craftsmanship - custom ranch - all built up on a choice wooded parcel with no thru traffic. Great room features vaulted ceilings, island bar, doorwall onto a 12x20 deck, master bedroom suite, oak cabinets, hot-water baseboard heat, covered front porch and driveway with apron. \$96,900 Reduced to \$88,900 CH-559



LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION! - 2 bedrooms, 1 bath offering 1,056 sq. ft. of living space. Features include large dining room and spacious kitchen. City water and sewer, plus well for drinking water in house. Appliances include stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer, large backyard and new vinyl siding. \$42,000 CS-882



3373 JONES LAKE ROAD, 1,164 SQ. FT., 2 bedroom, 2 baths, snow roof, fireplace, appliances, vinyl siding, 10'x10' deck, 28'x40' garage insulated, heated dog kennel. Storage building. \$49,500 CH-836



162' AUABLE RIVER FRONTAGE. Spectacular view. Completely remodeled home has new carpet, new deck, new roof; 3 years old, screened porch overlooking the river, hot tub, washer and dryer negotiable. Air conditioner. 2 car garage with workshop. 2 bedrooms and 1 bath on 2 1/2 acres on a private wooded setting. \$93,000 CS-884



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2. For Rent

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FOR RENT 12 x 60 mobile home near Lake Margrethe. Non-smokers and no pets preferred. \$350 a month. (517) 631-5675 week days, (517) 348-4540 week-ends. (-14-21/2)

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3. Employment

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Tendercare Grayling, 508 Random Lane, Rt. 4 Grayling, MI 49735. (517) 732-3508
Attention: Administrator

HELP WANTED

Grayling Township is looking for a person to work as a customer representative, 20 hours per week, at the Grayling Township Recycling Center, through the Green Thumb Program. The successful candidate must have reliable transportation, warm clothing, be at least 55-years old and qualify under federal standards as to having a low income.

The requirements of the job do not include any heavy lifting or operation of machinery. The hours of work include Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Compensation is through Green Thumb, a program of the United States Department of Agriculture.

If you are interested in this position, apply in person to Terry Wright at Grayling Township, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, (517) 348-4361 or to Juanita Beck, Green Thumb Coordinator, 308 Lawndale, Grayling, (517) 348-3964.

-21-28/3

2. For Rent

FOR RENT Three bedroom home, close to hospital and primary school. Large fenced back yards. \$550 a month with option to buy. Call Jayson, (517) 348-7893. (-21/2)

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3. Employment

FLOOR COVERING INSTALLERS NEEDED for vinyl, hardwood, carpet and ceramic tile. Minimum five years experience, must have own van, tools, workmens comp. Call 517-732-7728 or 517-732-2691. (10/9/97tf/3)

NOW HIRING for Grayling and Gaylord area. Take home \$595 every two weeks after four to six weeks of paid training. Call (517) 366-4111. (-10/29/98tf/3)

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LOOKING FOR retired person that would like to get into a sales position working with schools and churches to cover Grayling, Gaylord, Roscommon, Clare and Harrison areas. For more information call Rick (517) 795-2946 after 6 p.m. (-14-21-28/3)

3. Employment

HELP WANTED Residential Care Aids: North Central Community Mental Health is seeking individuals to provide care for adults with developmental disabilities in a group home in Grayling. Rewarding work environment with staffing ratios of 1:3 or less. Starting wage is \$6.65/hr. Increase to \$7.32/hr., once paid in-service training program is successfully completed. Potential for promotion to full-time with excellent fringe benefit package. Applicants must have proof of high school diploma/equivalent, reliable transportation, and a working home telephone. Must pass physical requirements, and have acceptable driving and criminal record checks. To apply, call Beth Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at (517) 348-2461. EOE (-14-21/3)

RESPONSIBLE PERSON to manage and supervise maintenance for rental mobile home in Grayling. (888) 681-6672 (-21/3)

INDEPENDENT OIL AND GAS company located in Gaylord, Michigan is looking for an accountant with five years experience in Accounts Payable. Applicant must be a self-motivated and have excellent computer skills. Please send resume to Joint Interest Accounting Manager, P.O. Box 1256, Gaylord, Michigan 49734. (-14-21/3)

SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAM COORDINATOR/Counselor needed at River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services for a full-time position. Coordinates the Sexual Assault Victim Advocacy Program. Performs a variety of duties to treat the emotional, psychological, and physical needs of sexual assault victims, including legal advocacy, crisis counseling, and support group facilitation. Requires an MSW, or MA in counseling or human services with experience in the area of sexual abuse; organizational skills; ability to work well with other staff and the public. Salary, \$21,000-\$25,000 annually, depending on skills and experience. Apply in person or call for application: Human Resources Dept., Mercy Hospital, 1100 Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738, telephone (517) 348-0340. Achieving Workforce Diversity Through Affirmation Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. (-14-21/3)

Real Estate

73 acres is surveyed into 6-10 acre parcels, and 4-2.5 acre parcels. Located on South Oak Rd. MLS#5-6115 \$89,900 Ask for Bob Shingledecker.

Beautifully wooded parcel is located in quiet area with state land within walking distance. Located on Six Mile Rd. & Old 27. MLS#5-6162 \$6,300 Ask for Al Galloway.

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NEW LISTING Very well maintained three bedroom home in Sherwood Forest. Vinyl siding, new roof in 1996, two car garage, screened porch, great landscaping and underground sprinkler system. 841 Robinhood Lane. \$109,000 JC-868



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NEW LISTING Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, chalet style home in Red Wing Terrace. Office upstairs could be used as family room or 4th bedroom. Two attached garages, appliances and woodstove. 1,550 sq. ft. 313 Red Tailed Hawk. \$89,900 JC-864



NEW LISTING Great location, corner lot, in City of Grayling. 1,528 sq. ft. close to Mercy Hospital and Grayling Primary Elementary School. 4 bedrooms, 1 bath, garage. Needs work, but has excellent potential, including possible home/office combination. \$49,900 JC-879

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Typesetter - Part-time
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Staff Writer - Part-time
For general news, features and sports. Requires some evenings and weekends. Education and experience in journalism and photography a plus. Must be well organized and able to work within deadlines. Could possibly grow into full-time.

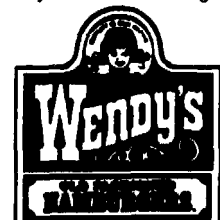
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Apply in person at the Grayling or Gaylord locations.

3. Employment

CAREER POSITION OPENING for professional accountant. Minimum eight years experience with full accounting responsibility. Challenging and interesting work environment with excellent support staff. Gaylord/Mancelona vicinity. This is a new position of immediate need. Please send resume and inquiry to ATTN: O.H. P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (-21-28/3)

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PART-TIME CUSTODIAN Kirtland Community College is seeking a part-time custodian, evening shift (10:30 p.m.-7 a.m.) Maintains college premises in clean and orderly condition and performs routine building custodial tasks. High school diploma or GED and six months to one year of related custodial experience required or a combination of education and work experience commensurate with the requirements of the position. Hourly pay rate of \$7.83; limited fringe benefit package. Applications will be accepted until February 4, 1999. Send cover letter, resume, and three letters of reference or completed application form to Kathy Barber, Coordinator of Personnel & Business Services, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653. Kirtland Community College is an equal employment opportunity/affirmative action employer. (-21/3)

3. Employment

THE CITY OF GRAYLING Police Department is accepting employment applications for position of law enforcement officer. Grayling is located in Central Northern lower Michigan, enjoys both Summer and Winter tourist activities, and a thriving economy. Employs six certified law enforcement personnel, and works cooperatively with surrounding law enforcement agencies. Qualifications: Citizen of the United States, 21 years of age minimum, must possess valid Michigan vehicle operators license, and have no criminal record. Applicants must have completed, and possess a High School diploma. Must have successfully completed and possess proof of C.O.L.E.S. certification, or certification. Associates Degree in Law Enforcement, and prior law enforcement experience, preferred but not necessary for application. Benefits include Blue Cross Blue Shield, eye and dental plans, paid holidays. MERS retirement plan, sick leave, vacation, included upon successful completion of probationary term. Salaries are currently being negotiated. (-21-28-4/3)

COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN Immediate Opening! SCI is looking for a telephone technician with key system or PBX experience to work throughout the state of Michigan. Some channel bank and T1 knowledge will be helpful. Computer and network experience a plus. Good salary and benefits. Send resume to: SCI, Inc., 4732 Payne Ave., Dayton, OH 45414 Fax: (937) 275-4997 or call (937) 275-5523, ext. 180. tmosley.shawntech@mci2000.com (-21-28/3)

NOW HIRING at Hanson Hills Winter Sports Park, cashiers, receptionist and loaders. Pick up an application in the main office or send resume to P.O. Box 361, Grayling, MI 49738. Call (517) 348-9266. (-21-28/3)

3. Employment

WANTED CONSULTANT to train volunteers to organize and run a millage/bond issue campaign. Feasibility study may be necessary. Submit proposals to Crawford County Library, 100 South James, Grayling, MI 49738 (517) 348-9214 (-21-28/3)

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Public Notice Request for Proposals

Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium is requesting proposals for the 1999 Summer youth Employment and Training Program (SYETP) in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle.

The target population is economically disadvantaged at-risk youth, including high school dropouts, ages 14 to 21 years. At-risk youth should be recruited through the schools.

Eligible proposers are educational agencies, community based organizations, and non-profit entities with demonstrated effectiveness with the named target groups.

Approximate program dollars are available by county, as follows:

Alcona	\$45,000
Alpena	\$140,000
Cheboygan	\$110,000
Crawford	\$60,000
Montmorency	\$42,000
Oscoda	\$42,000
Otsego	\$95,000
Presque Isle	\$66,000
TOTAL	\$600,000

Proposers may bid for one or more counties. Proposals are due by 12 noon on Monday, March 1, 1999. Late proposals will not be considered.

Requests for proposals should be made to Terry L. Basel at (517) 733-8548, Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, Michigan 49765. Disk copies are available upon request. A Bidder's Conference will be held on Monday, January 18, 1999, at 1:30 p.m. at the Northeast Michigan Consortium, 20709 State Street, Onaway, Michigan.

1. Career Exploration for youth ages 14 to 16.

Program Purpose: Youth will have an opportunity to investigate various careers.

Activities: Proposed programs should include site visits to businesses and vocational schools, academic remediation, communication skills and values clarification. Performance payments for achievement will be allowed. Innovative activities that enable youth to work effectively in a team approach, to learn ways to solve problems and experience success, to gain confidence and boost self-esteem are encouraged.

Objectives:

- Improvement in employability skills.
- Enhancement of basic skills.
- Improvement in school retention and encouragement of school completion, or enrollment in supplemental or alternative school programs.
- Improvement in academic performance, including mathematics and reading comprehension.
- Enhancement of citizenship skills of youth, as defined in Section 4(33) of The Job Training Partnership Act.

Goals: The program should be outcome-based and enhanced youth's academic, social and personal management skills.

- To provide youth with the opportunity to explore careers and aid them in choosing related vocational and academic courses.
- To provide youth with the opportunity to increase their knowledge of employability skills and basic life skills.

Work Experience or Job Specific Internships for youth ages 16 to 21

Program Purpose: Youth will have the opportunity to enhance future employability through work in the private sector or public or private non-profit sector.

Activities:

- Work experience in the private sector or public or private non-profit sector for a maximum of 35 hours per week at minimum wage.
- Job specific internships in the private sector contingent upon establishing a curriculum, goals, objectives and measurable outcomes.

Goals: Programs should be outcome-based and result in work maturity skills acquisition.

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6. Wanted

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7. Miscellaneous

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7. Miscellaneous

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8. Announcements

COME EARLY TO SPIKE'S Friday night fish fry. Serving from 4 - 10 p.m. All you can eat just \$6.95. Kids portion also available. (7/30/98tf/8)

LOOKING FOR A NEW fundraiser? Try Avon...call 348-5718. (10/15/98tf/8)

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FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY Cod, potato salad bar, all you can eat \$7.25. Gray Rock Cafe' (-14-21/8)

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE Everything must go, from 20% to 50% off. Final day is January 30. Family Tree Gift Shop in the Emporium. Includes Beanies. (-21-28/8)

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or
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Real Estate

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Lovely brick & cedar-sided ranch home across from Fox Run Country Club. This home must be visited to appreciate. Features include circle drive, large open floor plan featuring see-through fireplace, 10' ceiling and mirrored wet bar. #4361 \$230,000 Ask for Randy Thompson!



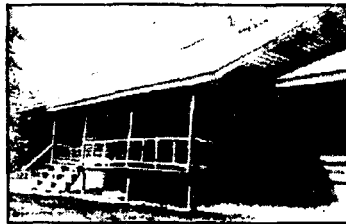
Charming and clean, 2 bedroom home located in the Lake Margrethe vicinity. Would make an excellent "Up-North" get-away, or great starter/retirement home. Some of the highlights are the brick fireplace with wood stove insert, and the large fenced back yard with decking, fire pit and sun porch. Semi-cluded yet not too far from town. #4336 \$49,000 Ask for Connie Winans!



Attractively decorated brick ranch home with spacious rooms throughout! Home features 3 generous sized bedrooms, one & a half baths. Large living room has a stunning brick fireplace with new gas log insert, the formal dining area is graced with hard wood flooring. Lush lawn with 5 zone underground sprinkling system will leave a lasting impression. \$84,500 #4362 Ask for Connie Winans!



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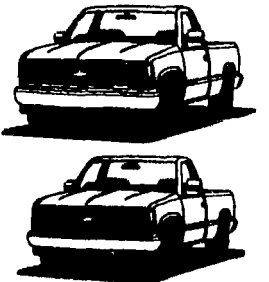
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